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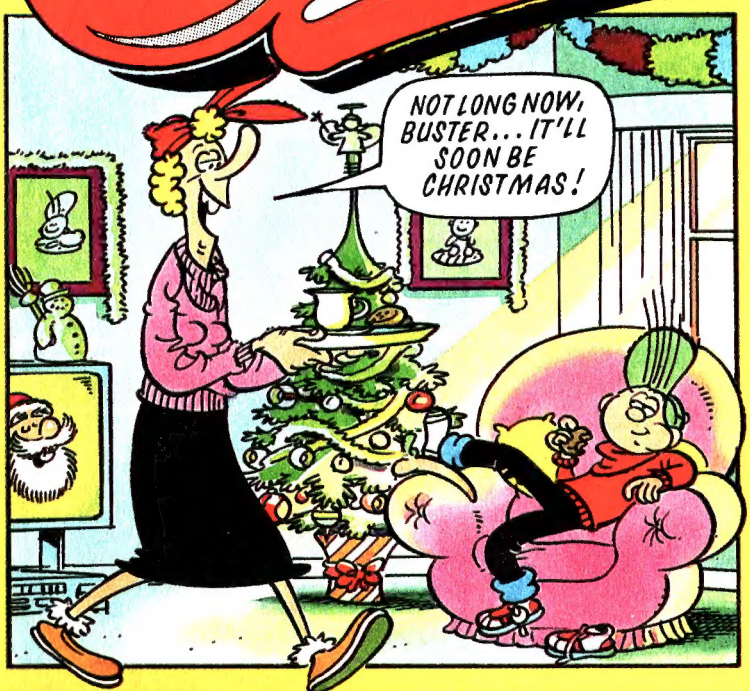

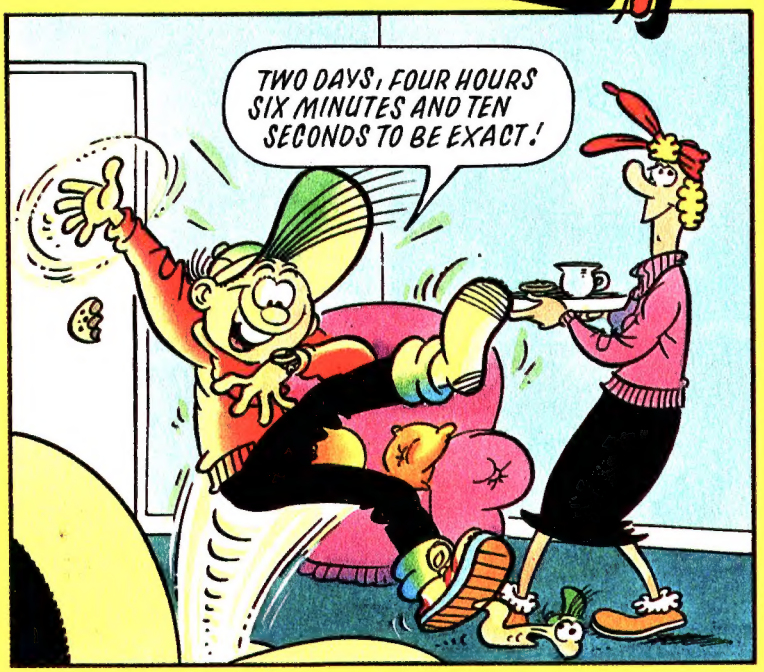

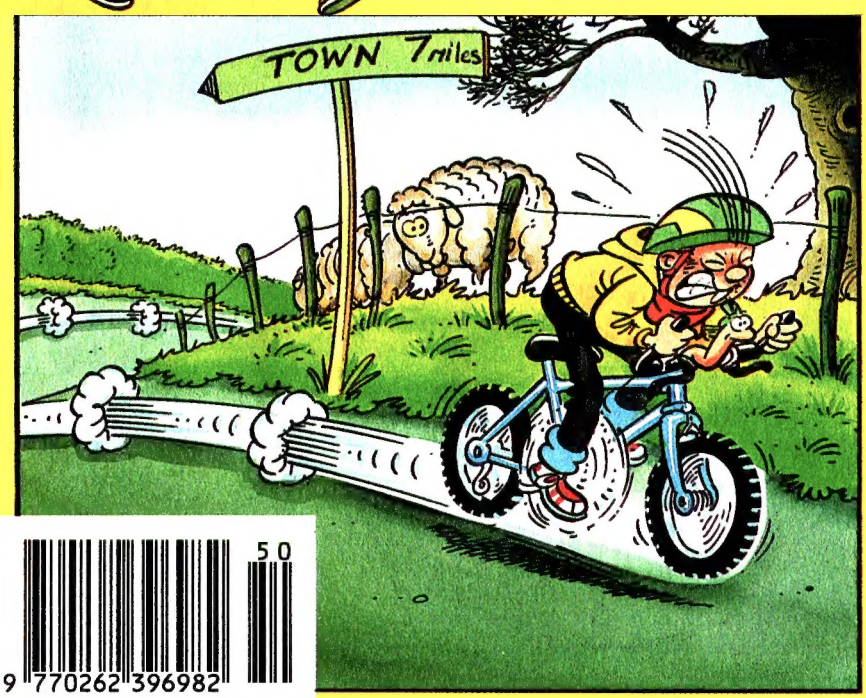

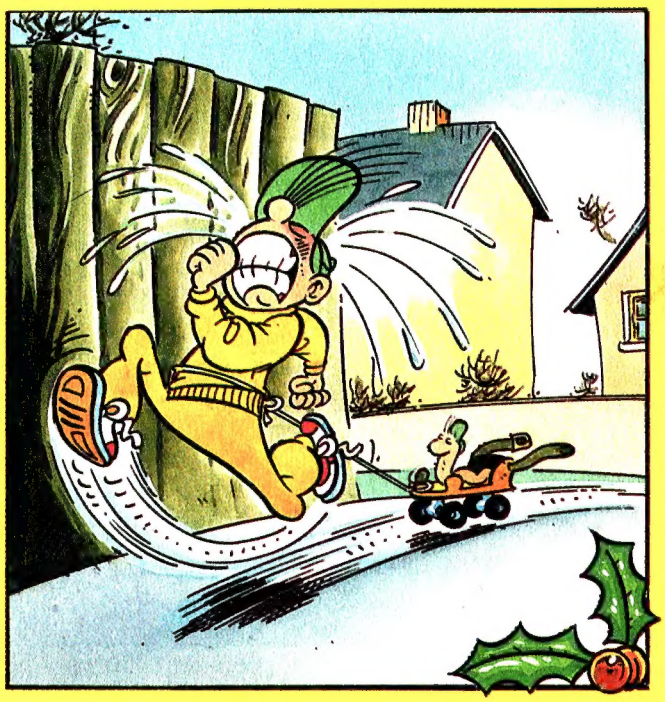

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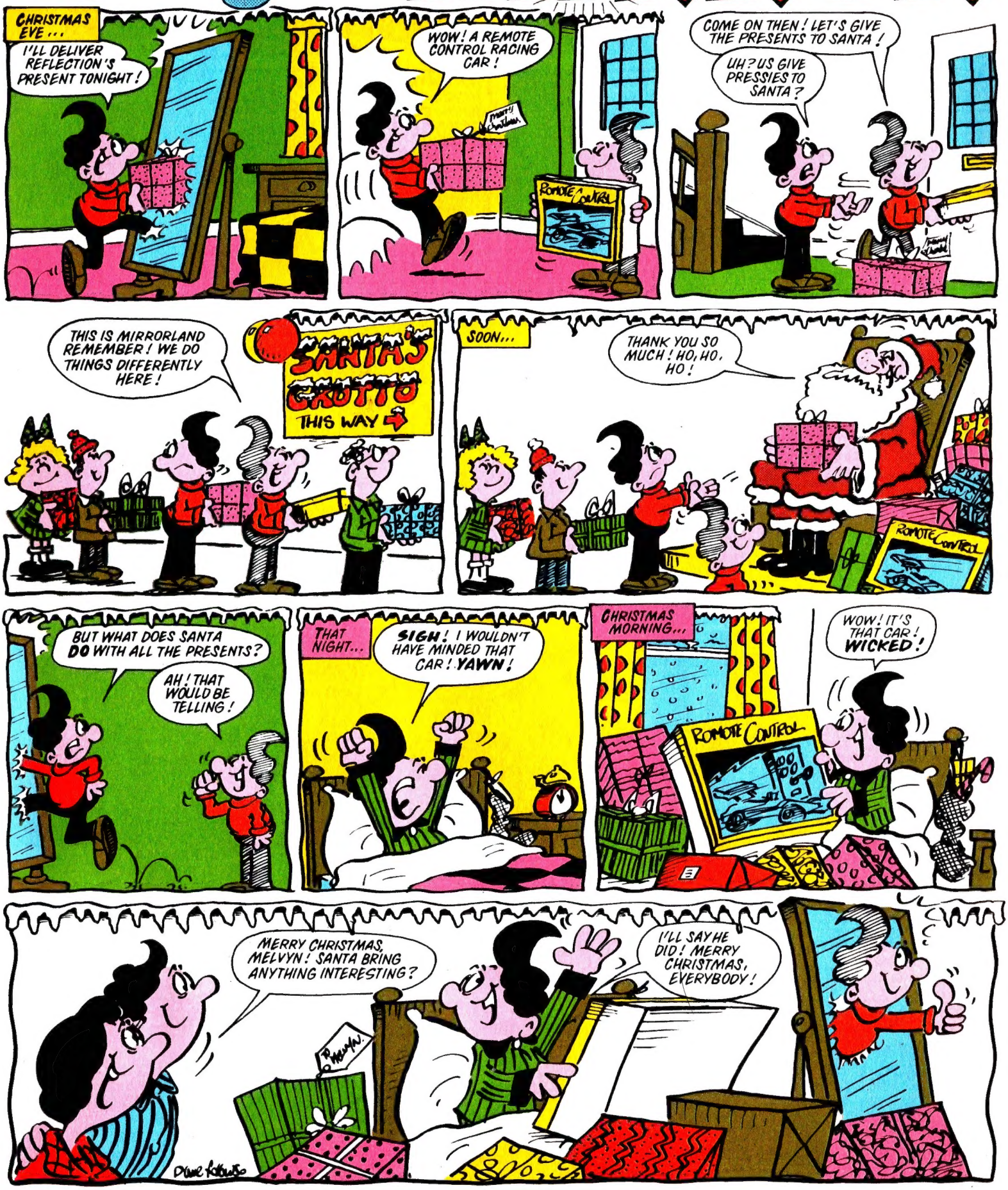
STOP THIS! WHAT'S GOT INTO YOU? YOU'LL BE EXHAUSTED!
I KNOW!
THAT'S THE WHOLE IDEA! I'M SO TIRED I'LL SLEEP FOR TWO DAYS – THEN CHRISTMAS WILL COME SOONER! NEAT, EH?
BUT...
DRAT! IT DIDN'T WORK... I'M AWAKE EARLIER THAN EVER... AND I DREAMT ABOUT CHRISTMAS ALL NIGHT LONG!
TAP TAP!
DRRRRRMMM
RIGHT! THAT'S ENOUGH! YOU'VE DRIVEN ME MAD ALL DAY... BEDTIME!
SOON...
IT'S HERE!
WELL, YES, BUT IT'S ONLY THREE SECONDS AFTER MIDNIGHT!
SPORT VIDEO
YOU JUST CAN'T BEAT CHRISTMAS DAY... SAVOUR EVERY MINUTE!
SNORE!
THANKFULLY HE'S ASLEEP... NOW WE'LL ALL GET SOME PEACE UNTIL CHRISTMAS DINNER! MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE!

Melvyn's MIRROR



X-RAY SPEC

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

HMM... NOTHING THERE... AH! THAT LOOKS MORE PROMISING...

IS RAY HUNTING FOR HIDDEN PRESSIES?

NO! DAD HASN'T GOT ANY BIG SOCKS... AND I NEED A MEGA-SIZE CHRISTMAS STOCKING FOR ALL THE PRESENTS I'M GOING TO GET!

GRANDAD GOES FISHING AND HE'S GOT BIG SOCKS!

GRANDAD WON'T MIND IF I BORROW ONE! THEY'LL BE IN THERE!

BUT...

AW! THEY'RE FULL OF HOLES! MY PRESSIES WILL FALL OUT!

CLICK-

CLICK-

WHERE CAN I TRY NOW?

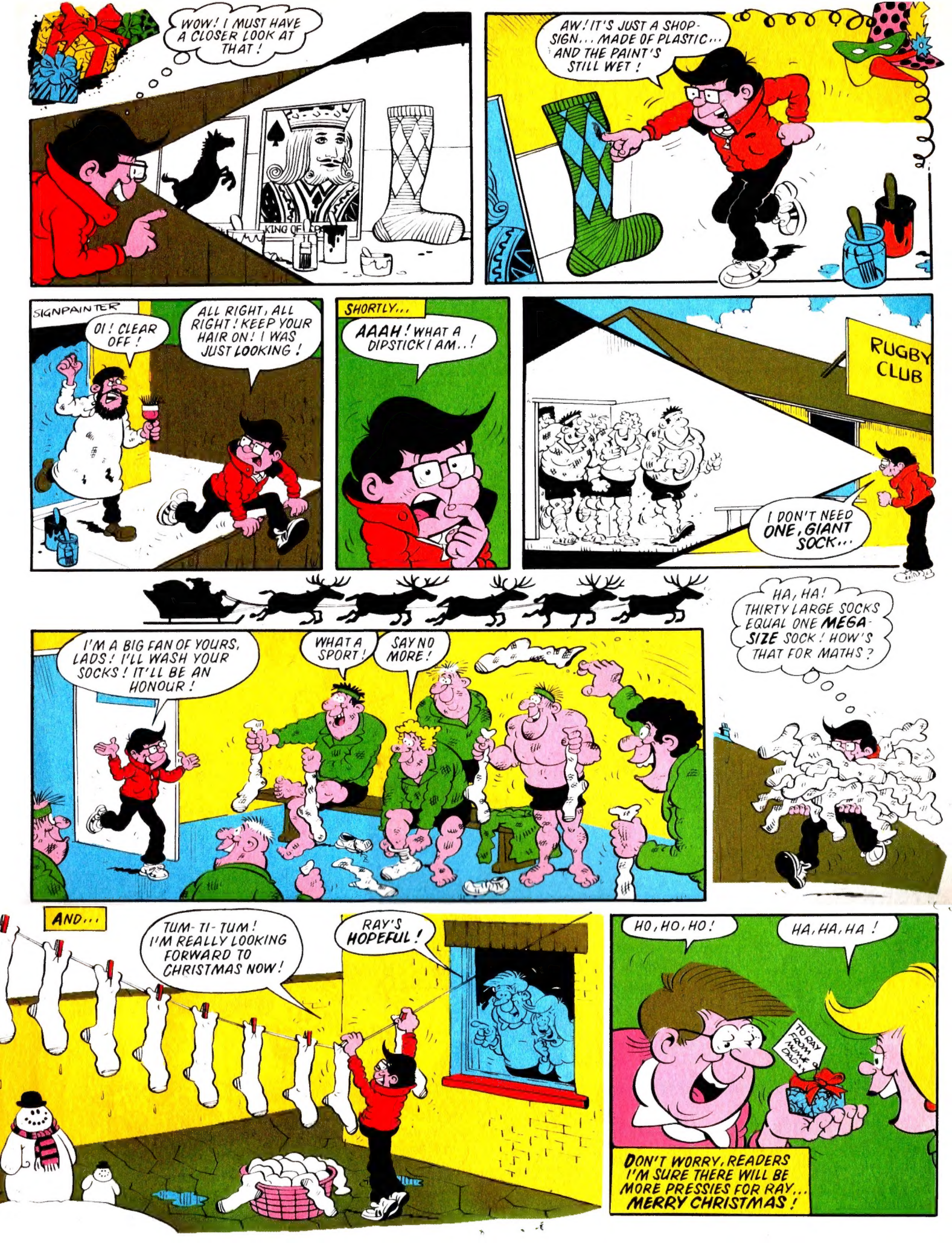
WOW! MRS. CRAWFORD IS KNITTING A MEGA-SIZE SOCK!

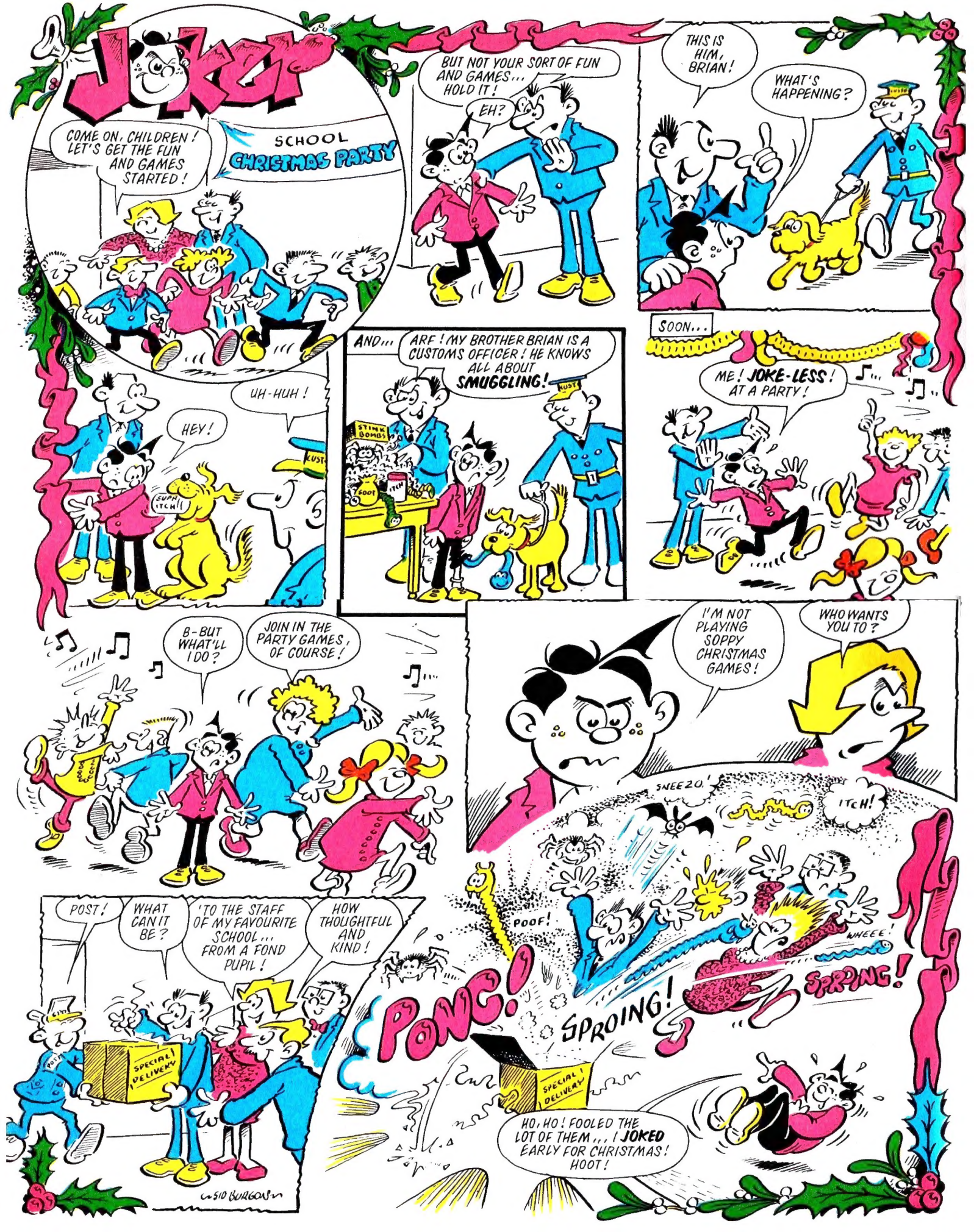
MRS. CRAWFORD, COULD I BORROW THAT GIANT SOCK WHEN IT'S FINISHED... JUST FOR CHRISTMAS?

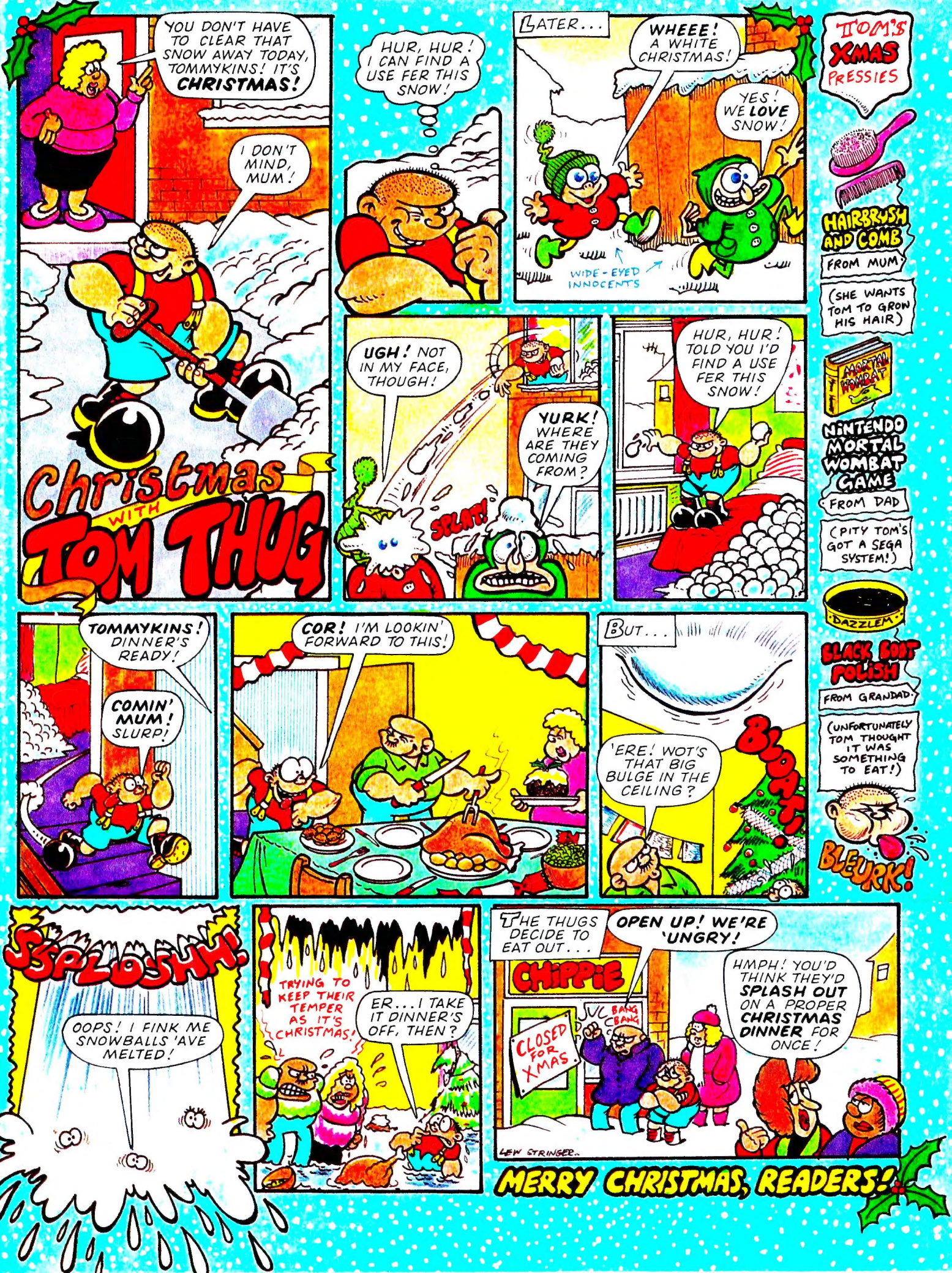
WHAT?

CHEEK... THIS IS A SWEATER I'M KNITTING FOR MY NEPHEW!

OOPS!


WOW! I MUST HAVE A CLOSER LOOK AT THAT!
AW! IT'S JUST A SHOP-SIGN... MADE OF PLASTIC... AND THE PAINT'S STILL WET!
SIGNPAINTER
OI! CLEAR OFF!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT! KEEP YOUR HAIR ON! I WAS JUST LOOKING!
SHORTLY...
AAAH! WHAT A DIPSTICK I AM..!
RUGBY CLUB
I DON'T NEED ONE, GIANT SOCK...
I'M A BIG FAN OF YOURS, LADS! I'LL WASH YOUR SOCKS! IT'LL BE AN HONOUR!
WHAT A SPORT!
SAY NO MORE!
HA, HA! THIRTY LARGE SOCKS EQUAL ONE MEGA-SIZE SOCK! HOW'S THAT FOR MATHS?
AND...
TUM-TI-TUM! I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS NOW!
RAY'S HOPEFUL!
HO, HO, HO!
HA, HA, HA!
TO RAY FROM MUMMY DADDY
DON'T WORRY, READERS I'M SURE THERE WILL BE MORE PRESSIES FOR RAY... MERRY CHRISTMAS!


JOKER
SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY
COME ON, CHILDREN! LET'S GET THE FUN AND GAMES STARTED!
UH-HUH!
HEY!
SUPA ITCH!!
BUT NOT YOUR SORT OF FUN AND GAMES... HOLD IT!
EH?
THIS IS HIM, BRIAN!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
AND...
ARF! MY BROTHER BRIAN IS A CUSTOMS OFFICER! HE KNOWS ALL ABOUT SMUGGLING!
STINK BOMBS
SOOT
ITCH
SOON...
ME! JOKE-LESS! AT A PARTY!
B-BUT WHAT'LL I DO?
JOIN IN THE PARTY GAMES, OF COURSE!
I'M NOT PLAYING SOPPY CHRISTMAS GAMES!
WHO WANTS YOU TO?
SNEEZO!
ITCH!
POOF!
WHEEE!
SPRING!
SPROING!
PONG!
SPECIAL DELIVERY
HO, HO! FOOLED THE LOT OF THEM... I JOKED EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS! HOOT!
POST!
WHAT CAN IT BE?
'TO THE STAFF OF MY FAVOURITE SCHOOL... FROM A FOND PUPIL!
HOW THOUGHTFUL AND KIND!
SPECIAL DELIVERY
CLIVE BURGOYNE


YOU DON'T HAVE TO CLEAR THAT SNOW AWAY TODAY, TOMMYKINS! IT'S CHRISTMAS!
I DON'T MIND, MUM!
HUR, HUR! I CAN FIND A USE FER THIS SNOW!
Christmas WITH TOM THUG
LATER...
WHEEE! A WHITE CHRISTMAS!
YES! WE LOVE SNOW!
WIDE-EYED INNOCENTS
TOM'S XMAS PRESSIES
HAIRBRUSH AND COMB
FROM MUM
(SHE WANTS TOM TO GROW HIS HAIR)
UGH! NOT IN MY FACE, THOUGH!
YURK! WHERE ARE THEY COMING FROM?
SPLAT!
HUR, HUR! TOLD YOU I'D FIND A USE FER THIS SNOW!
MORTAL WOMBAT
NINTENDO MORTAL WOMBAT GAME
FROM DAD
(PITY TOM'S GOT A SEGA SYSTEM!)
TOMMYKINS! DINNER'S READY!
COMIN' MUM! SLURP!
COR! I'M LOOKIN' FORWARD TO THIS!
BUT...
'ERE! WOT'S THAT BIG BULGE IN THE CEILING?
BLOAT!
DAZZLEM
BLACK BOOT POLISH
FROM GRANDAD
(UNFORTUNATELY TOM THOUGHT IT WAS SOMETHING TO EAT!)
BLEURK!
SSPLOSHH!
OOPS! I FINK ME SNOWBALLS 'AVE MELTED!
TRYING TO KEEP THEIR TEMPER AS IT'S CHRISTMAS!
ER...I TAKE IT DINNER'S OFF, THEN?
THE THUGS DECIDE TO EAT OUT...
OPEN UP! WE'RE 'UNGRY!
CHIPPIE
CLOSED FOR XMAS
BANG BANG
HMPH! YOU'D THINK THEY'D SPLASH OUT ON A PROPER CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR ONCE!
LEW STRINGER
MERRY CHRISTMAS, READERS!

The BUMPKIN BILLIONAIRES

LET US GET AWAY FROM ALL THAT 'ORRIBLE MONEY!

AAR! GO FOR NOICE WALK!

So...

MERRY CHRISTMAS! LOTS OF PRESENTS! FREE GIFTS FOR ALL!

OOER! THEM SANTAS BE GIVIN' STUFF AWAY, AN' PEOPLE BE *TAKIN'* IT!

MOMENTS LATER...

WHOOOOOOSH!!

AAR!

AAAAR!

AAR!!

AAAR! MERRY CHRISTMAS, LOIKE! 'ERE BE A PRESENT!

AN' 'ERE BE 'UN TO YOU AN' ALL!

WOWEE!!! **LOADSA-LOADSA-MONEY!**

WHAT?

GIVING AWAY MONEY? VERY SUSPICIOUS! YOU'RE COMING TO THE STATION!

COO! MAYBE THEY BE GOIN' TO TAKE THE LOT FROM US!

COP SHOP

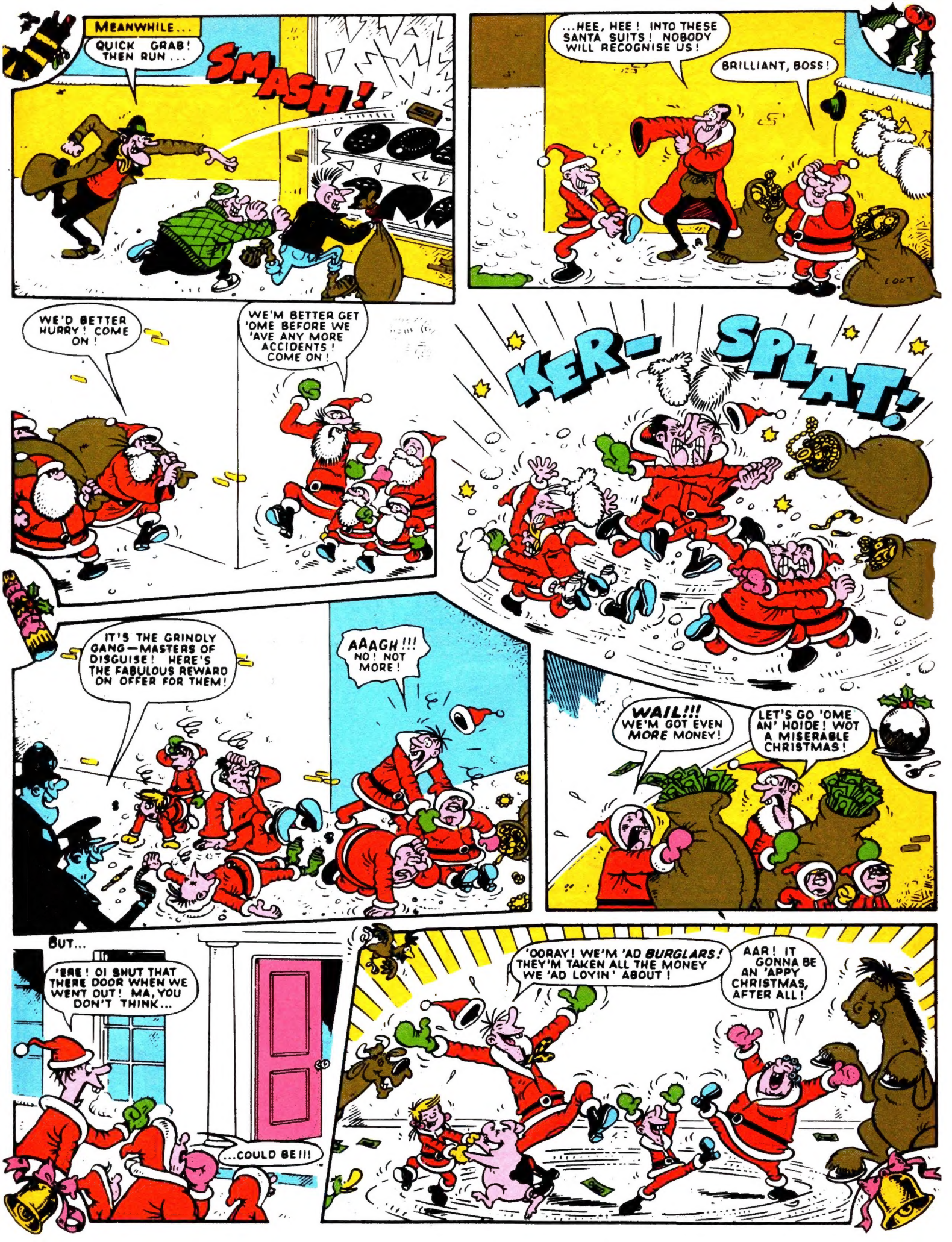
BUT...

...FOUR SANTAS TRYING TO GIVE AWAY MONEY... KEEP SAYING *AAR... WHAT? WHO? OH, NO!*

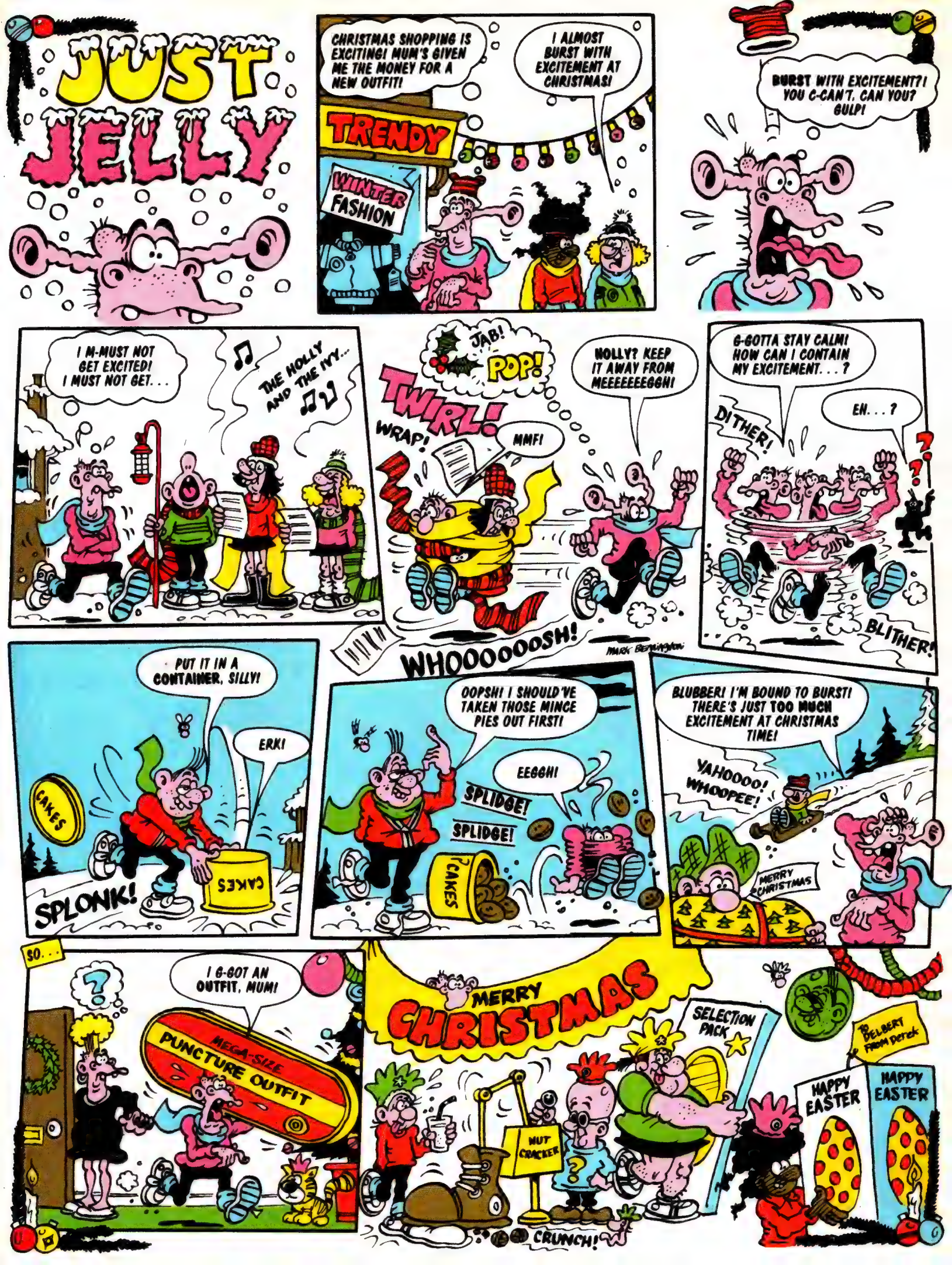
Station Sergeant

WE'RE TERRIBLY SORRY FOR ARRESTING YOU BY MISTAKE, MR AND MRS BUMPKIN! PLEASE ACCEPT THIS SMALL SUM AS COMPENSATION.

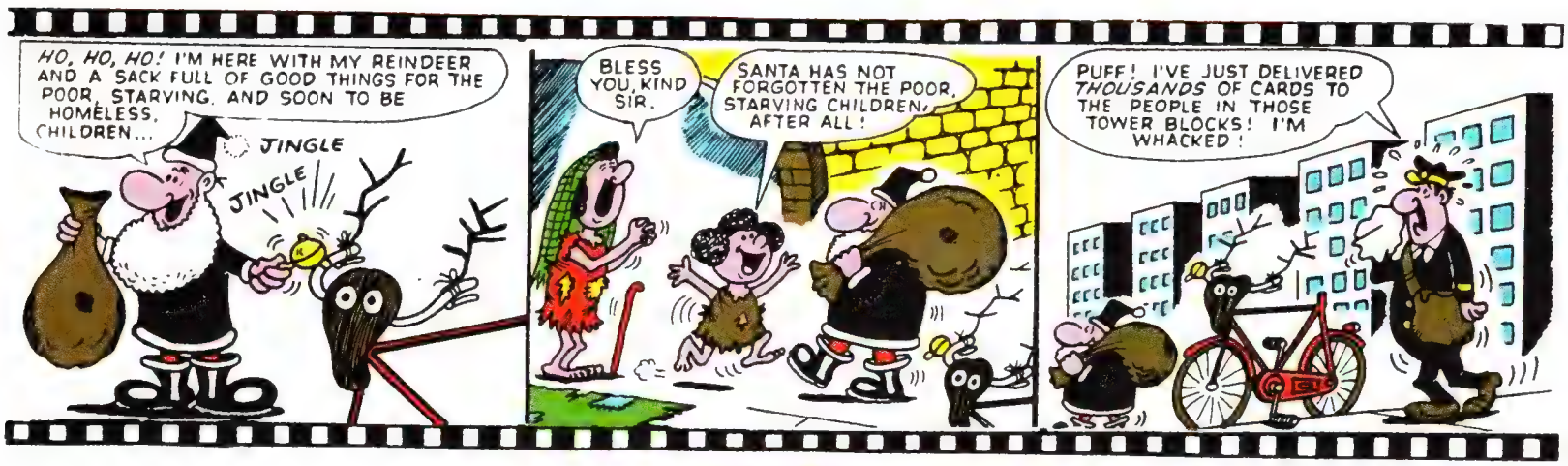
BUT... WE BE TROYIN' TO *GET RID* OF MONEY!


MEANWHILE...
QUICK GRAB! THEN RUN...
SMASH!
...HEE, HEE! INTO THESE SANTA SUITS! NOBODY WILL RECOGNISE US!
BRILLIANT, BOSS!
LOOT
WE'D BETTER HURRY! COME ON!
WE'M BETTER GET 'OME BEFORE WE 'AVE ANY MORE ACCIDENTS! COME ON!
KER-SPLAT!
IT'S THE GRINDLY GANG—MASTERS OF DISGUISE! HERE'S THE FABULOUS REWARD ON OFFER FOR THEM!
AAAGH!!! NO! NOT MORE!
WAIL!!! WE'M GOT EVEN MORE MONEY!
LET'S GO 'OME AN' HOIDE! WOT A MISERABLE CHRISTMAS!
BUT...
'ERE! OI SHUT THAT THERE DOOR WHEN WE WENT OUT! MA, YOU DON'T THINK...
...COULD BE!!!
'OORAY! WE'M 'AD BURGLARS! THEY'M TAKEN ALL THE MONEY WE 'AD LOYIN' ABOUT!
AAR! IT GONNA BE AN 'APPY CHRISTMAS, AFTER ALL!

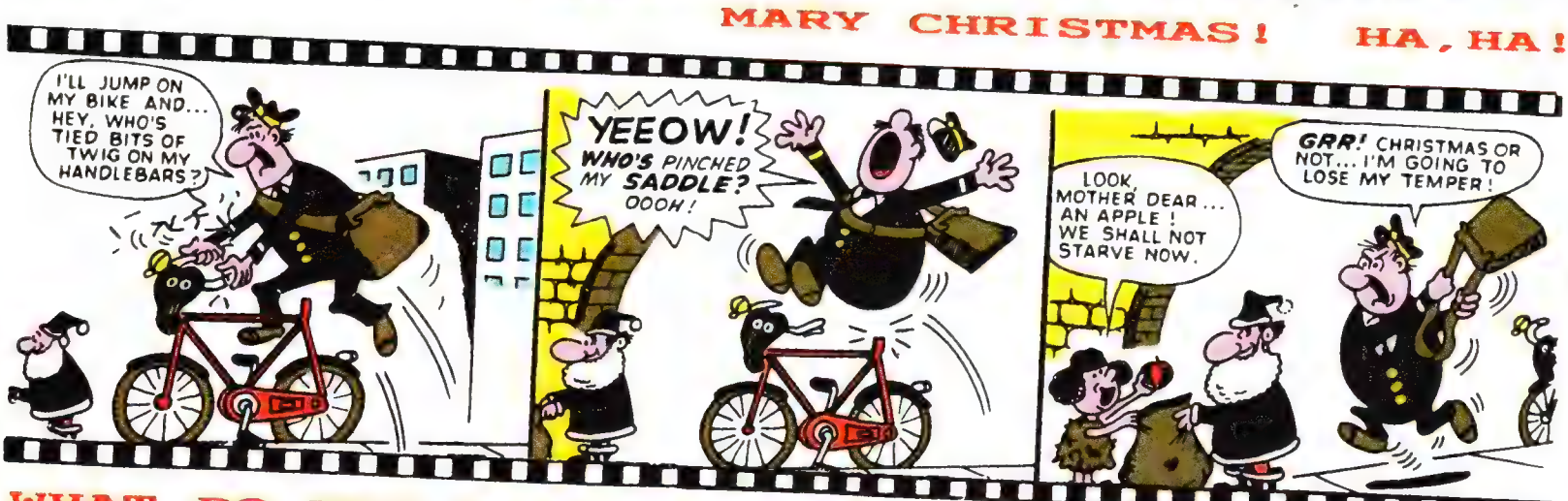
MIGHTY MOUTH
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL!
IT'S ME...HENRY! I'M JUST VOICE-THROWING MY CHRISTMAS MESSAGE!
HOI, MATE, HOW ABOUT A CHIP TO WARM UP AN OLD SNOWMAN?
EH?
S-SURE TH-THING! HELP YOURSELF, MR. SNOWMAN.
HA-HA-HA!
AW, NO—MY CHIPS ARE FROZEN NOW.
HA,HA!
HENRY! I SHOULD'VE GUESSED YOU'D BE BEHIND THIS.
YOU COULDN'T HIT A BARN DOOR.
FANCY THINKING A SNOWMAN COULD TALK.
I WANT A WORD WITH YOU, CHUM.
TH-THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE—I'M NOT THROWING MY VOICE.
D-DAD?
THIS BIG SNOWBALL BOMBED ME FROM THE ROOF. YOUR DOING, I BELIEVE.
SCOOP!
AND IT'S NOT A VERY NICE FEELING—ALLOW ME TO DEMONSTRATE.
MERRY CHRISTMAS! THIS IS NOT HENRY THROWING HIS VOICE—FOR ONCE HE'S SPEECHLESS.
MERRY BAYE!


JUST JELLY
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IS EXCITING! MUM'S GIVEN ME THE MONEY FOR A NEW OUTFIT!
I ALMOST BURST WITH EXCITEMENT AT CHRISTMAS!
TRENDY
WINTER FASHION
BURST WITH EXCITEMENT?! YOU C-CAN'T, CAN YOU? GULP!
I M-MUST NOT GET EXCITED! I MUST NOT GET...
THE HOLLY AND THE IVY...
JAB!
POP!
TWIRL!
WRAP!
MMF!
HOLLY? KEEP IT AWAY FROM MEEEEEEEGGH!
WHOOOOOOSH!
G-GOTTA STAY CALM! HOW CAN I CONTAIN MY EXCITEMENT...?
EH...?
DITHER!
BLITHER!
MARK BERRINGTON
PUT IT IN A CONTAINER, SILLY!
ERK!
CAKES
SPLONK!
OOPSH! I SHOULD'VE TAKEN THOSE MINCE PIES OUT FIRST!
EEGGH!
SPLIDGE!
SPLIDGE!
BLUBBER! I'M BOUND TO BURST! THERE'S JUST TOO MUCH EXCITEMENT AT CHRISTMAS TIME!
YAHOOOO! WHOOPEE!
MERRY CHRISTMAS
SO...
I G-GOT AN OUTFIT, MUM!
MEGA-SIZE PUNCTURE OUTFIT
MERRY CHRISTMAS
SELECTION PACK
TO DELBERT FROM DEREK
HAPPY EASTER
HAPPY EASTER
NUT CRACKER
CRUNCH!

WHAT'S THE NAME OF SANTA'S WIFE?



MARY CHRISTMAS! HA, HA!



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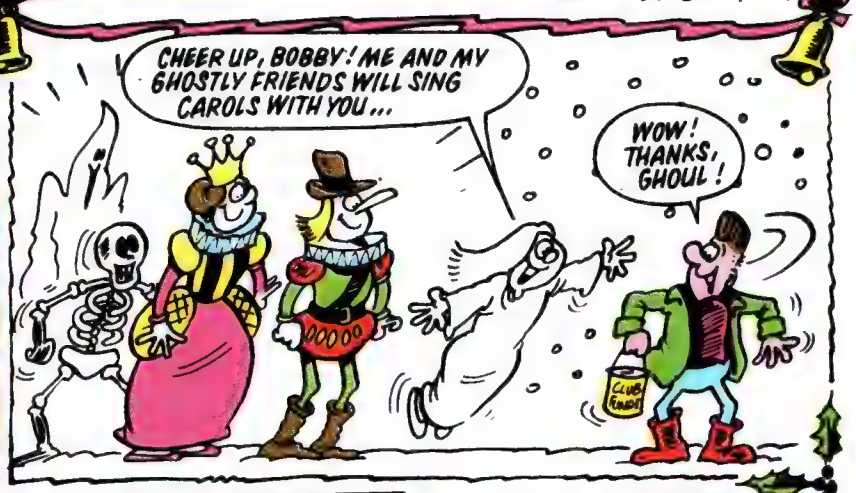
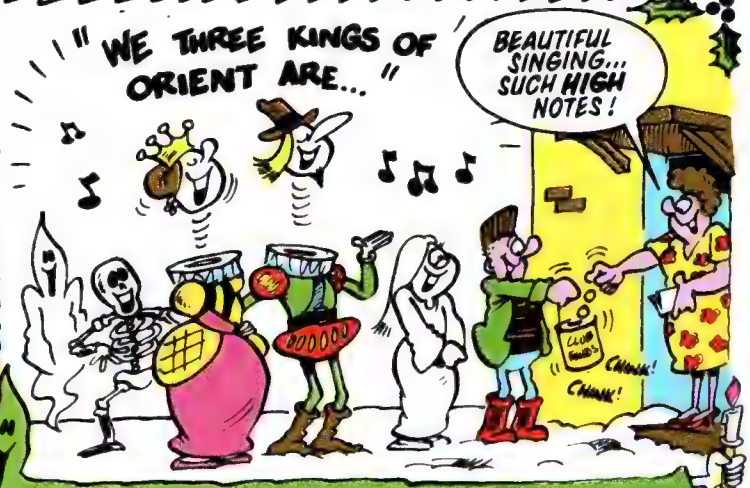
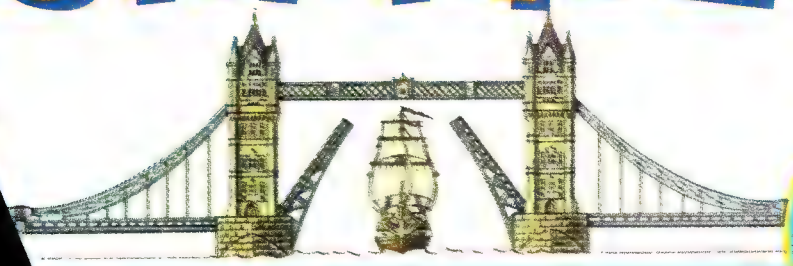




The BRIDGE of SURPRISES!



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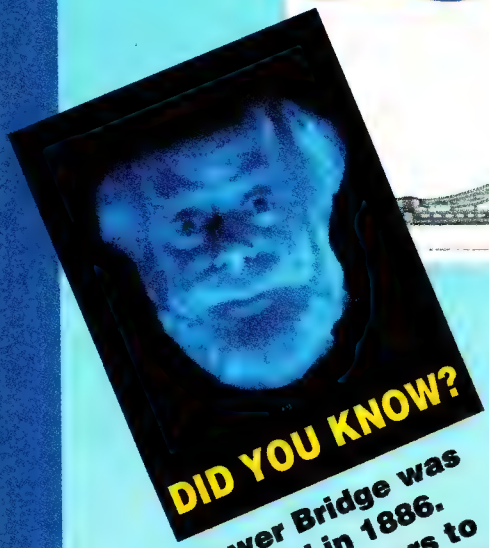
There's something for everyone

INSIDE

the most famous bridge in the world.



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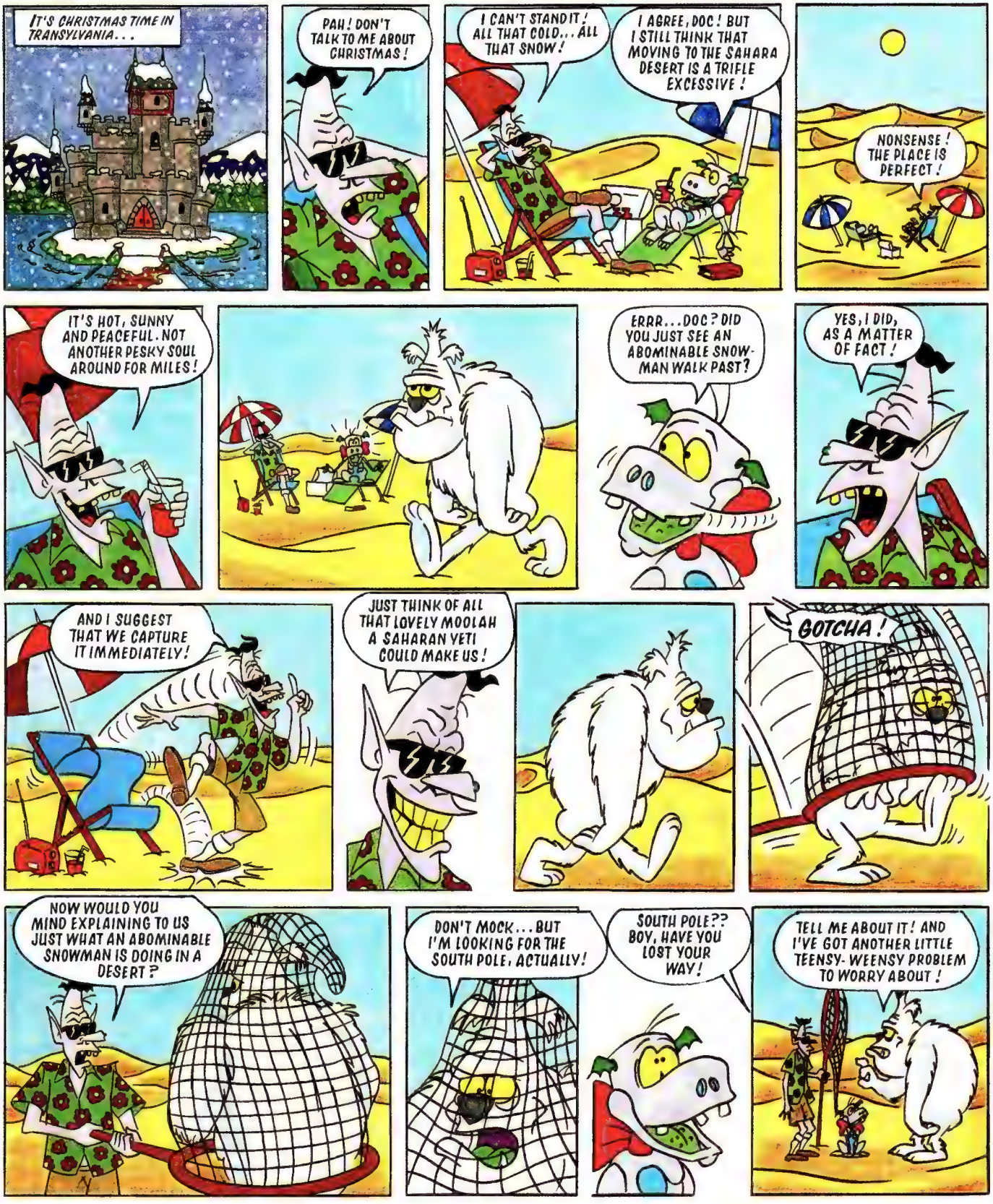

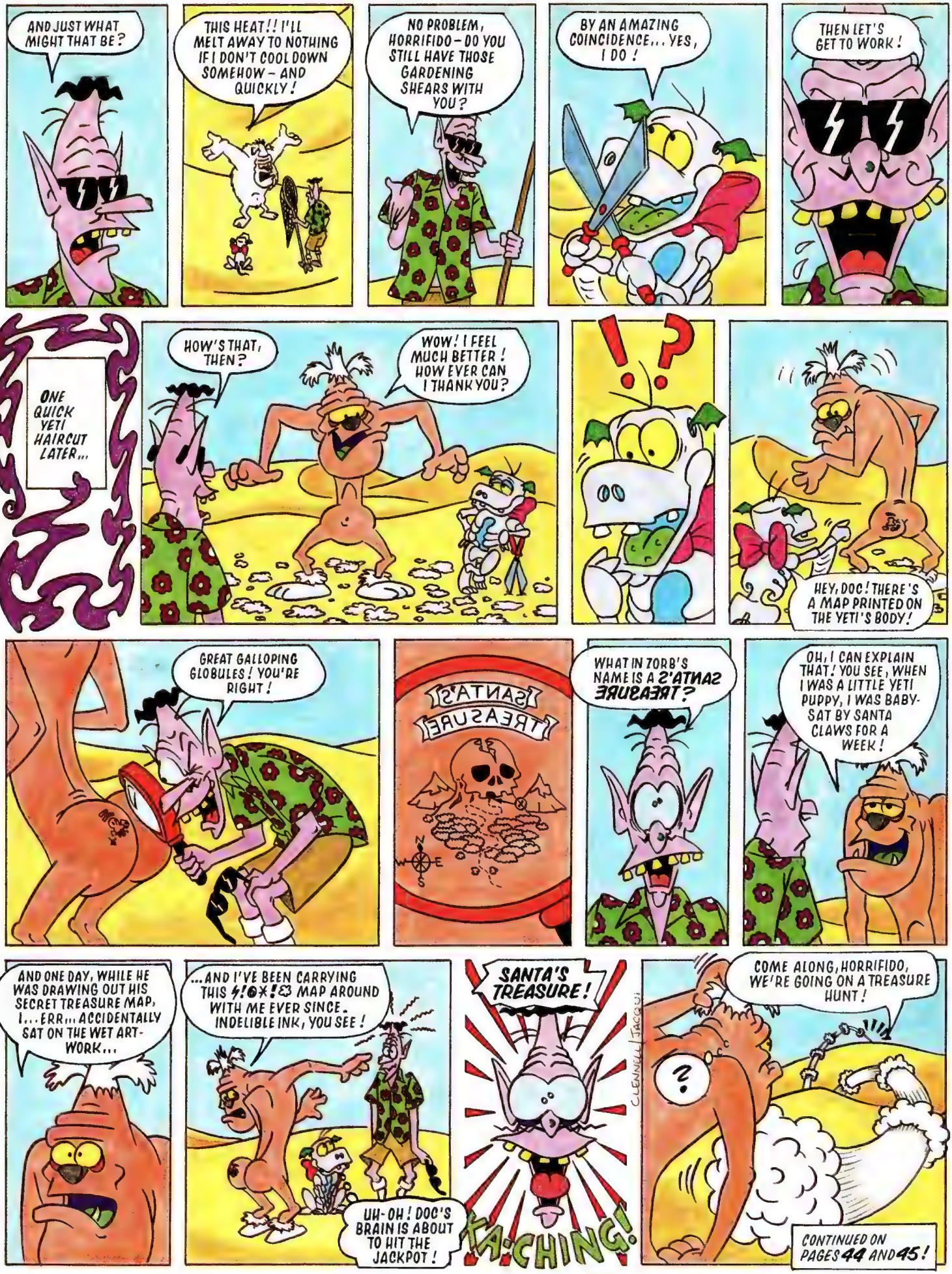

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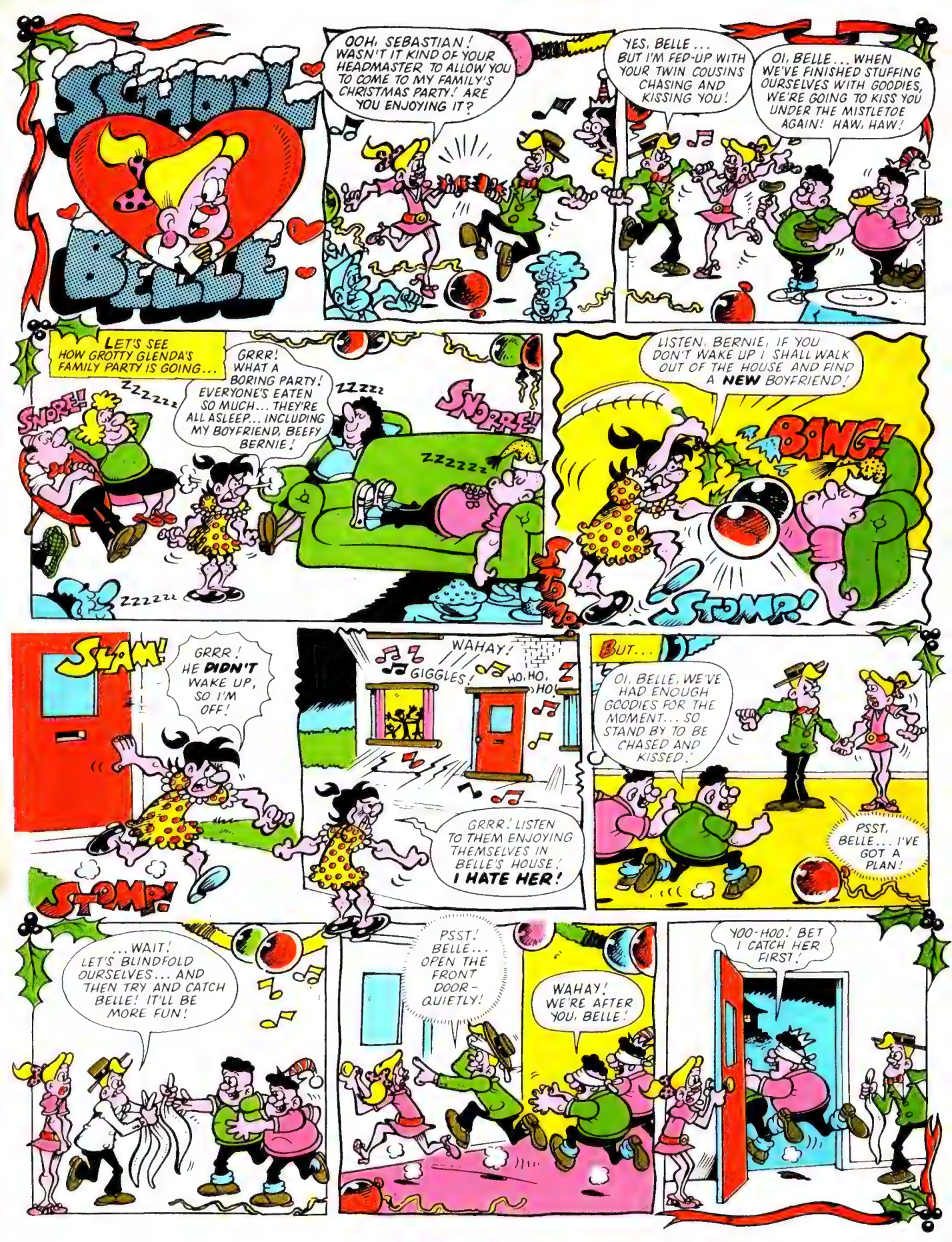
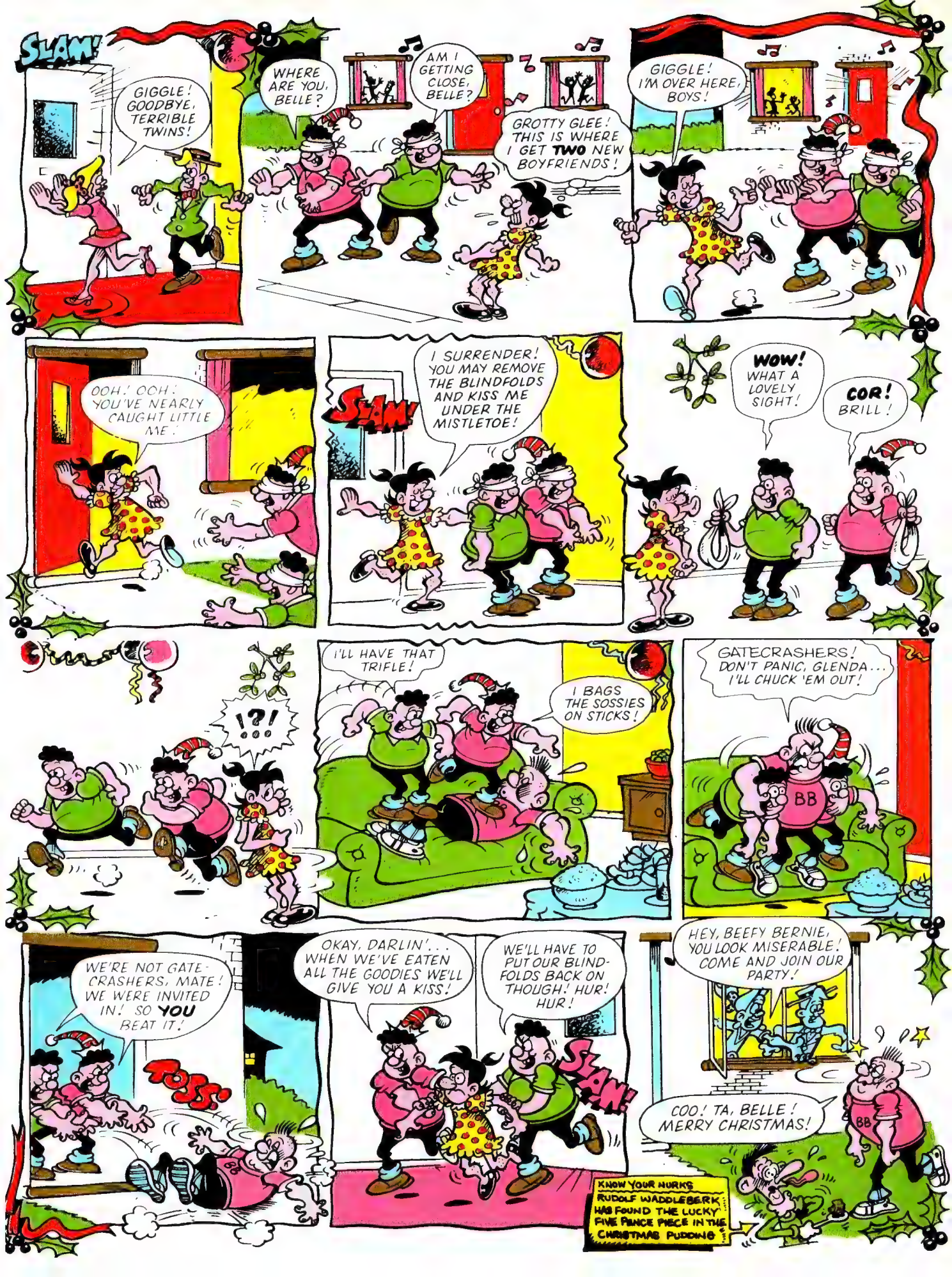
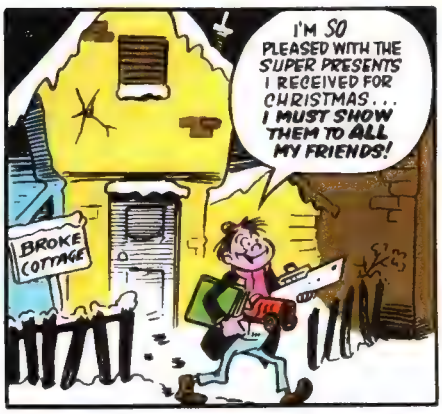
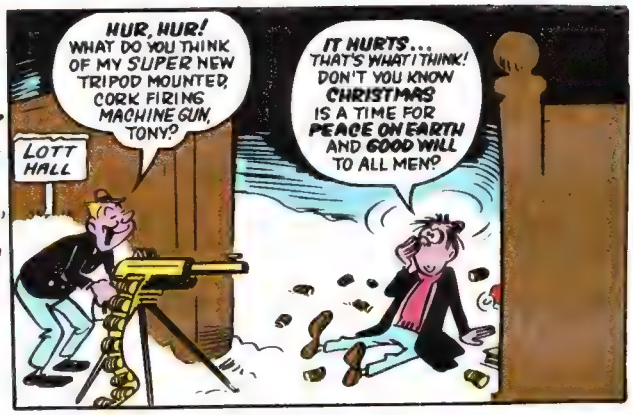
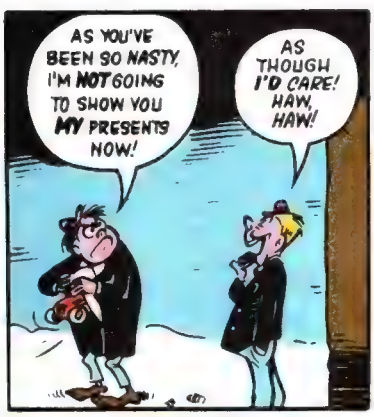

SCHOOL BELLE
OOH, SEBASTIAN! WASN'T IT KIND OF YOUR HEADMASTER TO ALLOW YOU TO COME TO MY FAMILY'S CHRISTMAS PARTY! ARE YOU ENJOYING IT?
YES, BELLE... BUT I'M FED-UP WITH YOUR TWIN COUSINS CHASING AND KISSING YOU!
OI, BELLE... WHEN WE'VE FINISHED STUFFING OURSELVES WITH GOODIES, WE'RE GOING TO KISS YOU UNDER THE MISTLETOE AGAIN! HAW, HAW!
LET'S SEE HOW GROTTY GLENDA'S FAMILY PARTY IS GOING...
GRRR! WHAT A BORING PARTY! EVERYONE'S EATEN SO MUCH... THEY'RE ALL ASLEEP... INCLUDING MY BOYFRIEND, BEEFY BERNIE!
SNORE!
ZZZZZZ
LISTEN, BERNIE, IF YOU DON'T WAKE UP I SHALL WALK OUT OF THE HOUSE AND FIND A NEW BOYFRIEND!
BANG!
STOMP!
SLAM!
GRRR! HE DIDN'T WAKE UP, SO I'M OFF!
STOMP!
WAHAY! GIGGLES! HO, HO, HO!
GRRR! LISTEN TO THEM ENJOYING THEMSELVES IN BELLE'S HOUSE! I HATE HER!
BUT...
OI, BELLE, WE'VE HAD ENOUGH GOODIES FOR THE MOMENT... SO STAND BY TO BE CHASED AND KISSED!
PSST, BELLE... I'VE GOT A PLAN!
...WAIT! LET'S BLINDFOLD OURSELVES... AND THEN TRY AND CATCH BELLE! IT'LL BE MORE FUN!
PSST! BELLE... OPEN THE FRONT DOOR - QUIETLY!
WAHAY! WE'RE AFTER YOU, BELLE!
YOO-HOO! BET I CATCH HER FIRST!

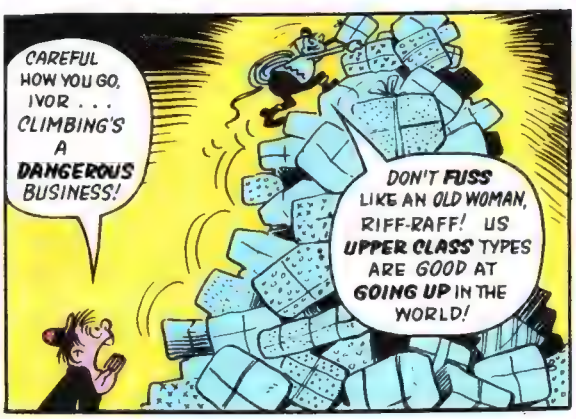

SLAM!
GIGGLE! GOODBYE, TERRIBLE TWINS!
WHERE ARE YOU, BELLE?
AM I GETTING CLOSE, BELLE?
GROTTY GLEE! THIS IS WHERE I GET TWO NEW BOYFRIENDS!
GIGGLE! I'M OVER HERE, BOYS!
OOH! OOH! YOU'VE NEARLY CAUGHT LITTLE ME!
I SURRENDER! YOU MAY REMOVE THE BLINDFOLDS AND KISS ME UNDER THE MISTLETOE!
SLAM!
WOW! WHAT A LOVELY SIGHT!
COR! BRILL!
!?!
I'LL HAVE THAT TRIFLE!
I BAGS THE SOSSIES ON STICKS!
GATECRASHERS! DON'T PANIC, GLENDA... I'LL CHUCK 'EM OUT!
BB
WE'RE NOT GATE-CRASHERS, MATE! WE WERE INVITED IN! SO YOU BEAT IT!
TOSS!
OKAY, DARLIN'... WHEN WE'VE EATEN ALL THE GOODIES WE'LL GIVE YOU A KISS!
WE'LL HAVE TO PUT OUR BLINDFOLDS BACK ON THOUGH! HUR! HUR!
SLAM!
HEY, BEEFY BERNIE, YOU LOOK MISERABLE! COME AND JOIN OUR PARTY!
COO! TA, BELLE! MERRY CHRISTMAS!
BB
KNOW YOUR NURKS
RUDOLF WADDLEBERK HAS FOUND THE LUCKY FIVE PENCE PIECE IN THE CHRISTMAS PUDDING

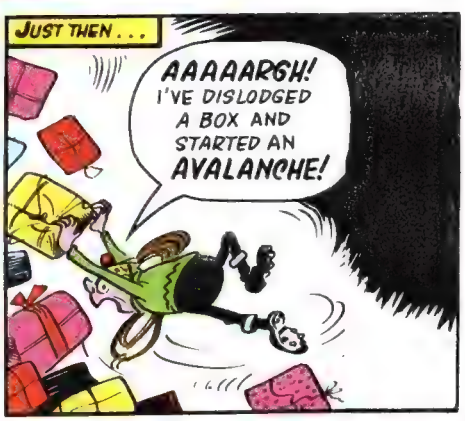
IVOR LOTT and Tony Broke

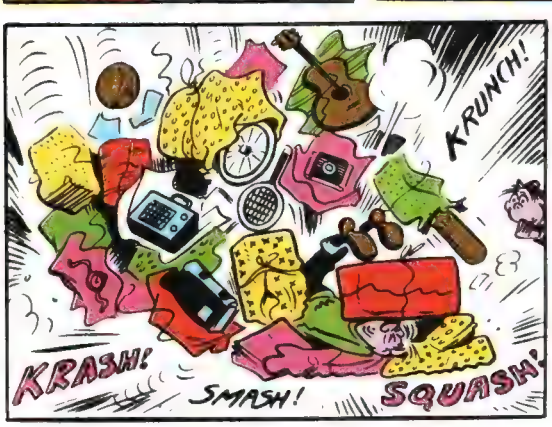












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Ricky Rainbow
WE'RE OFF NOW! DIDN'T MANAGE TO GET A GIRLFRIEND, EITHER!
COO! FREEZING FOG!
HOW WILL WE FIND OUR WAY HOME?
NO PROBLEM! WATCH!
FOLLOW MY BRIGHT NOSE— THAT WILL LIGHT OUR WAY!
RICKY THE RED-NOSED RAINBOW, HAD A VERY SHINY NOSE . . .
THAT'S YOU HOME, ANDREW!
OOER! LOOK BEHIND YOU!
WHAT'S THIS?
OH, NO! THAT DAFT REINDEER'S TAKEN A FANCY TO ME!
KISS! KISS!
SEE YOU, LADS! MERRY CHRISTMAS!
COME BACK, RICKY! YOU'VE GOT A GIRLFRIEND AT LAST! HA, HA!
HELLO, BOYS! WANT TO COME TO A PARTY WITH US?
PITY YOUR PAL COULDN'T STAY!

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FUDGE BARS!
ANCHOR
BIG TOP
WHIPPED TOPPING
Fudge covered with creamy tasting milk chocolate
Fudge
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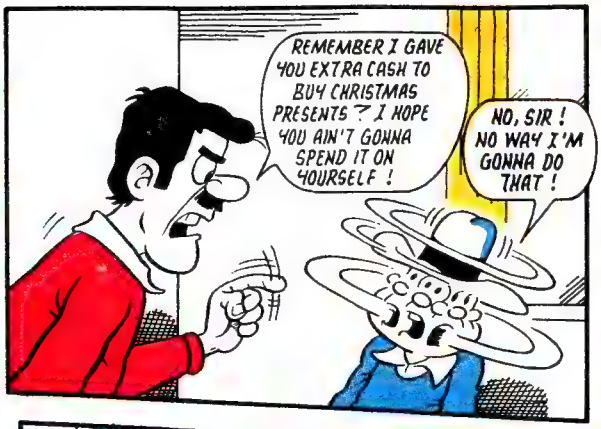
Fudge
Fudge
ON BIG TOP PACKS EVERYWHERE
AT YOUR SUPERMARKET WHILE STOCKS LAST

ABRACADEBRA
THE TRAINEE FAIRY
IF YOU PUT YOUR TOOTH UNDER YOUR PILLOW YOU'LL GET SOME MONEY FROM THE TOOTH FAIRY!
THROB!
WAAH!
HERE I AM!
UH? YOU'RE TOO EARLY. HIS TOOTH HASN'T COME OUT YET!
SORRY, I CAN'T HANG ABOUT, MISSUS!
KLONK!
GLERPSH!
I'LL TAKE THE LOT NOW TO SAVE TIME!
TWEET!
THEN...
YOU SHALL GO TO THE BALL, CINDERS!
VOOOOSH!
ZAPPOW!
BUT I HAVEN'T GOT TIME FOR THE FANCY COACH ROUTINE, OKAY!
WAAGH!
I'M NEVER GOING TO MAKE IT!
ZOOMY, VROOMY, MAGIC MISTY! MAKE MY LEGS LIKE LINFORD CHRISTIE!
VROOOM!
WAHAY!

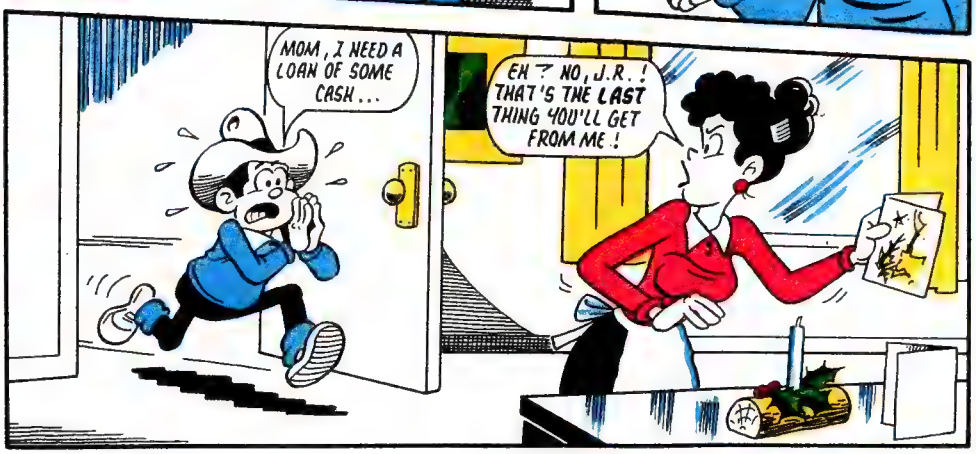
BUT...
PULL OVER!
POLICE
OH, NO! THAT'S ALL I NEED!
YOU WERE SPEEDING!
LOOK, I REALLY HAVEN'T GOT TIME...
WHIZZ!
RIBBIT!
TIME TO CLOSE UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!
ARMY STORE
HOLD IT! PHEW! JUST MADE IT!
SCREEECH!
ONE PAIR OF ARMOUR PLATED KNICKERS, PLEASE!
!?
BELIEVE ME, YOU NEED 'EM WHEN YOU'VE GOT TO SIT ON TOP OF ONE OF THESE ALL CHRISTMAS!
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Uncle Artie

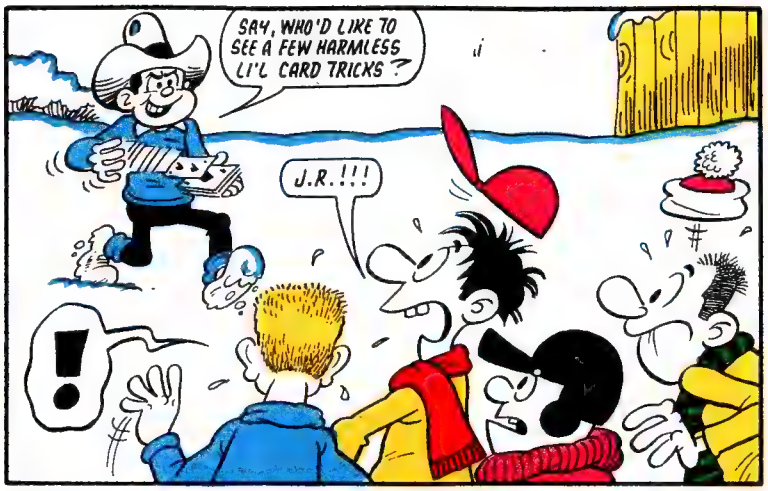

REMEMBER I GAVE YOU EXTRA CASH TO BUY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS ? I HOPE YOU AIN'T GONNA SPEND IT ON YOURSELF !
NO, SIR ! NO WAY I'M GONNA DO THAT !

I CAN'T, 'COS I'VE ALREADY SPENT IT ! I'M KINDA IN TROUBLE, HERE !

SUE HELEN, CAN YOU LEND ME...
NO ! NOW BACK OFF, J.R. !


MOM, I NEED A LOAN OF SOME CASH...
EH ? NO, J.R. ! THAT'S THE LAST THING YOU'LL GET FROM ME !

NEVER MIND, THERE'S PLENTY OF MUGS OUT THERE TO CON CASH OUTA !


SAY, WHO'D LIKE TO SEE A FEW HARMLESS LI'L CARD TRICKS ?
J.R. !!!
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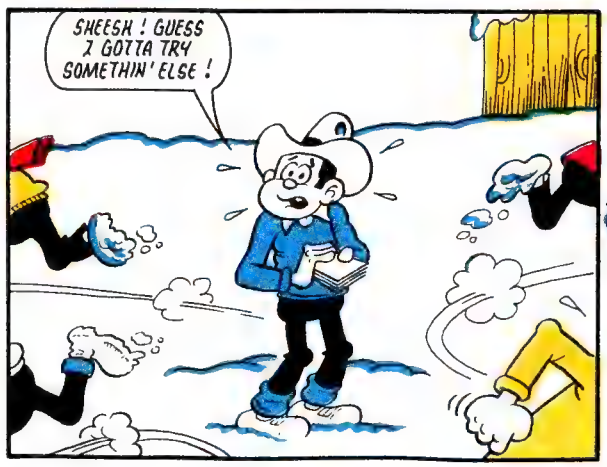
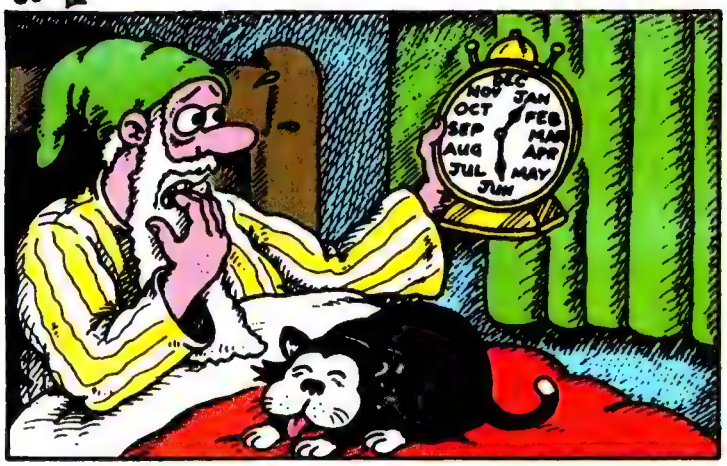

SHEESH ! GUESS I GOTTA TRY SOMETHIN' ELSE !

SO...
IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO WAKE THE KIDS, IT'LL COST YOU FIVE BUCKS EACH !

JUST TRY IT, KID !
BLANG!
MUFFLED SQUAWK !
GROAN... AS SOON AS I GET OUTA THIS STRAITJACKET I'M GONNA DO SOMETHIN' UNUSUAL !
AND...
I CONFESS, DADDY ! I'VE SPENT THAT MONEY !
WHAT ? THIS IS MIGHTY SERIOUS, J.R. !
DADDY, DON'T JUST BLAME J.R. ! I'VE GONE AND SPENT MINE, TOO !
GULP ! AN' I SAW THIS NEW OUTFIT THAT I JUST HAD TO HAVE !
HO, HO ! HEE, HEE, HEE ! I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN !
NONE OF MY FAMILY CAN RESIST SPENDING MONEY ! DON'T WORRY — I'VE ARRANGED EVERYTHING FOR CHRISTMAS DAY !
J. Mittalk
ON CHRISTMAS DAY...
I WENT TO THE BIG DEPARTMENT STORE AND LET THEM CHOOSE PRESENTS FOR US ALL — SO NONE OF US KNOWS WHAT WE'RE GIVING EACH OTHER ! HAPPY CHRISTMAS, ALL !
GEE, I GUESS I'M ALL CHOKED UP ! HAPPY CHRISTMAS, DADDY — EVERYBODY !
JR
Sue H
Mom
Pool
JR
Sue H

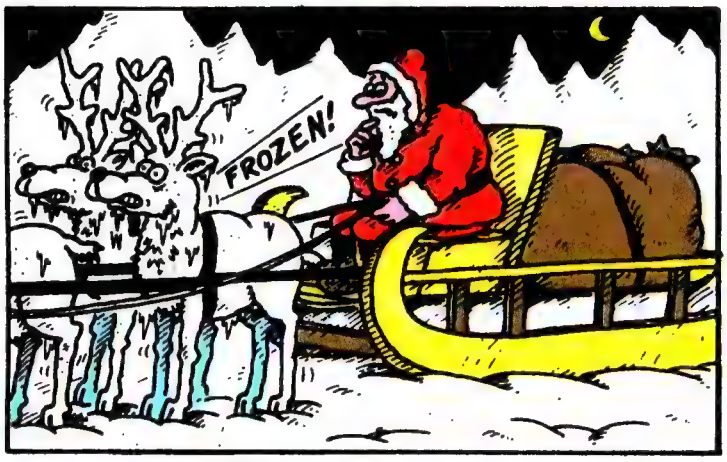
Santa may be late this year!

DON'T WORRY, PALS, WE'RE SURE HE'LL SHOW UP! BUT WHEN YOU THINK OF ALL THE THINGS THAT COULD GO WRONG . . . !



THE ALARM CLOCK DOESN'T WORK

A STRIKE IN THE TOY FACTORY



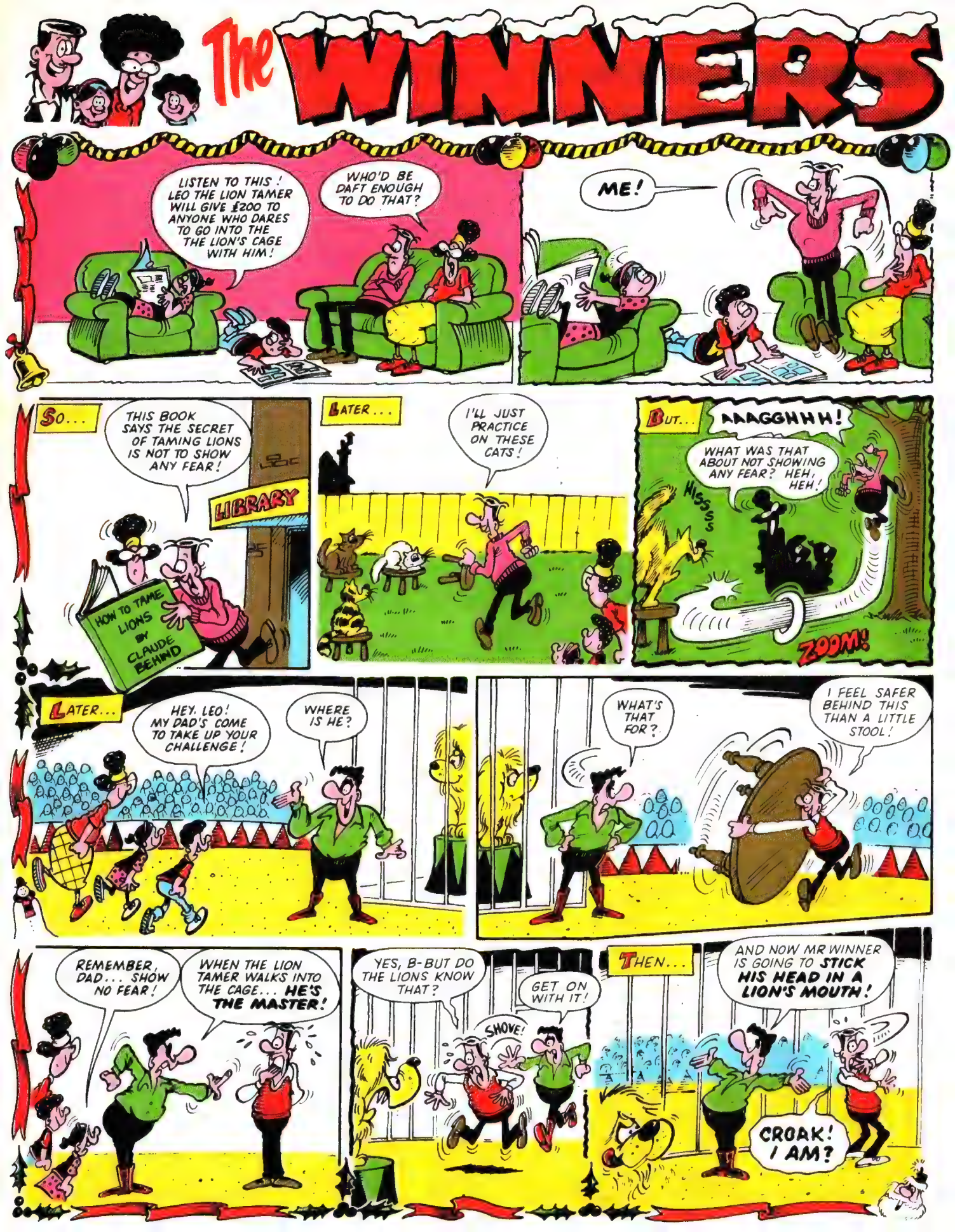
FORGETTING TO PUT ANTI-FREEZE IN THE REINDEER

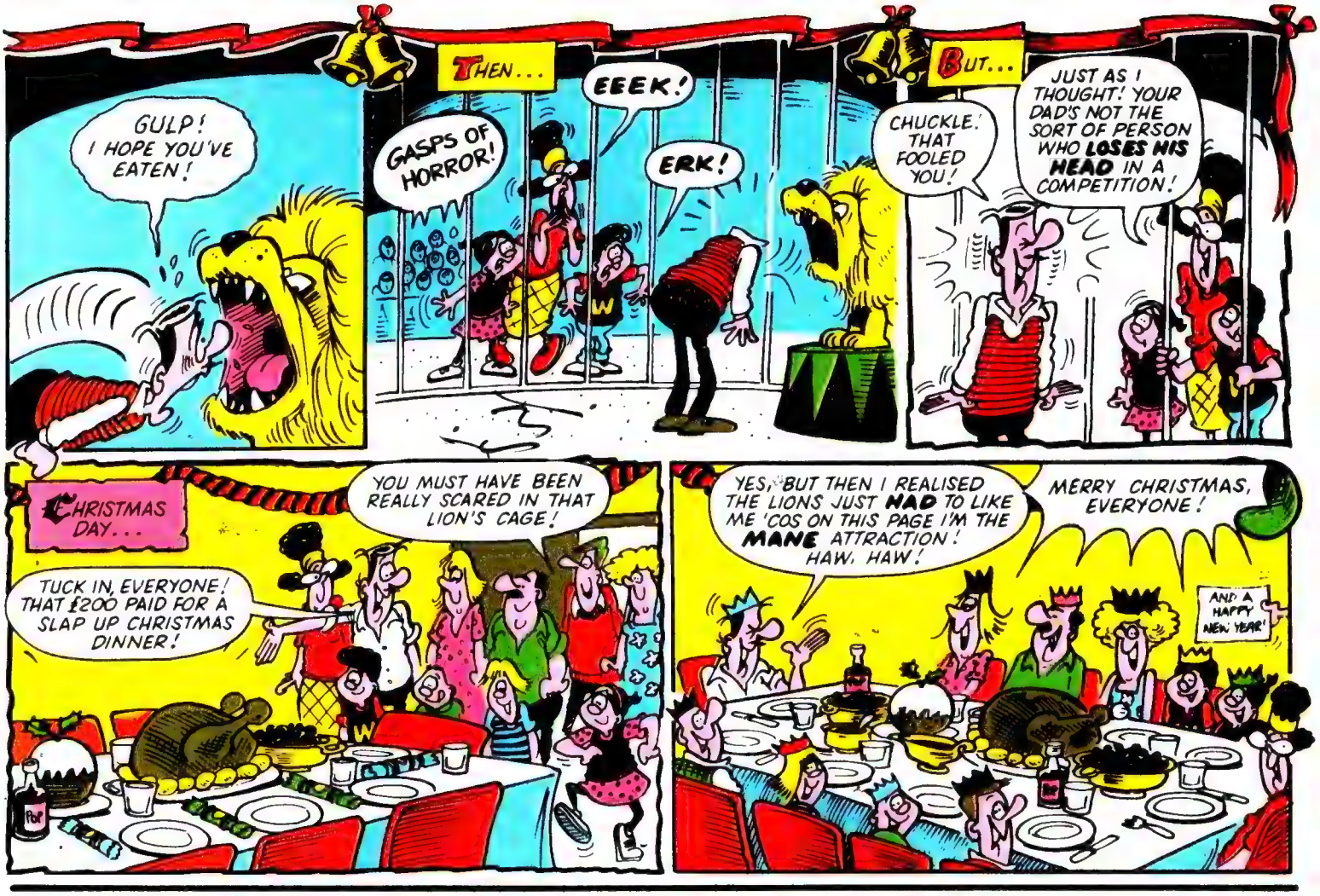
BREAKING DOWN ON THE WAY

BRINGING THE WRONG SACK

GETTING ARRESTED FOR BREAKING AND ENTERING

LAST WEEK'S DELIBERATE MISTAKE: In Picture 7, the sign on the Ice Cream van said "Mice Cream".


The WINNERS
LISTEN TO THIS! LEO THE LION TAMER WILL GIVE £200 TO ANYONE WHO DARES TO GO INTO THE THE LION'S CAGE WITH HIM!
WHO'D BE DAFT ENOUGH TO DO THAT?
ME!
SO...
THIS BOOK SAYS THE SECRET OF TAMING LIONS IS NOT TO SHOW ANY FEAR!
LIBRARY
HOW TO TAME LIONS BY CLAUDE BEHIND
LATER...
I'LL JUST PRACTICE ON THESE CATS!
BUT...
AAAGGHHH!
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT NOT SHOWING ANY FEAR? HEH, HEH!
HISSSS
ZOOM!
LATER...
HEY, LEO! MY DAD'S COME TO TAKE UP YOUR CHALLENGE!
WHERE IS HE?
WHAT'S THAT FOR?
I FEEL SAFER BEHIND THIS THAN A LITTLE STOOL!
REMEMBER, DAD... SHOW NO FEAR!
WHEN THE LION TAMER WALKS INTO THE CAGE... HE'S THE MASTER!
YES, B-BUT DO THE LIONS KNOW THAT?
GET ON WITH IT!
SHOVE!
THEN...
AND NOW MR WINNER IS GOING TO STICK HIS HEAD IN A LION'S MOUTH!
CROAK! I AM?



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CARTOONIES

BITE SIZE BISCUITS

Inside each CARTOONIES multipack there are five 'Snack Size' mini-bags – enough to keep you happy from Monday to Friday. Now, those cool dudes at Burton's have given us 20 of the crucial CARTOONIES T-shirts you can see on the right, to give away FREE. Not only that, everyone who gets a T-shirt will also get a FREE SAMPLE pack of these great new nibbles. Just write your name and address on a postcard or the back of a sealed, empty envelope and send it to: CARTOONIES FREEBIES, *BUSTER* COMIC, P.O. BOX 164, CHELMSFORD CM1 3XB. Senders of the first 20 entries selected at random after Thursday, 12th January, 1995, the closing date, will get the goodies.

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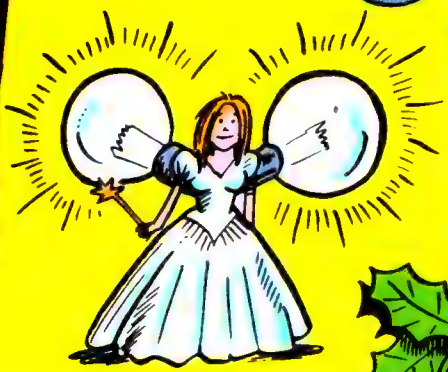
They're the wackiest biscuits around! CARTOONIES are bite size treats from Burton's, featuring crazy cartoon characters like Dude Dolphin and Messie Monster printed on the OUTSIDE of the biscuits – and delicious creamy white chocolate on the INSIDE.

CHRISTMAS POTTY PIX

CHRISTMAS TIDE



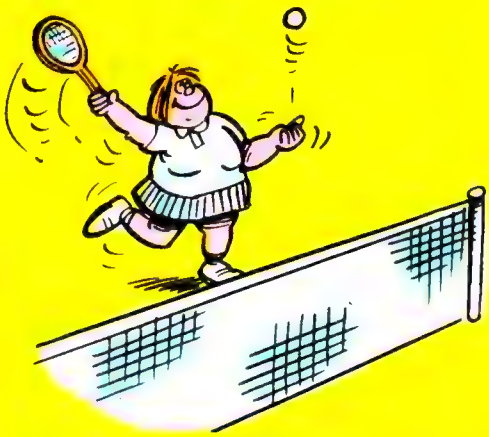
FAIRY LIGHTS

FUR TREE

RAINDEER

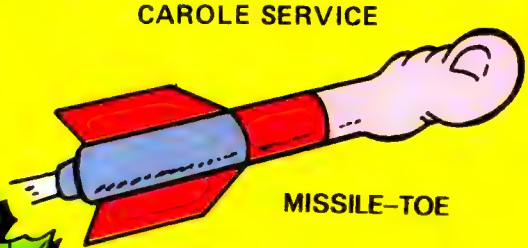
TIN–SAIL

BALL–BELL



CAROLE SERVICE

SANTA CLAWS



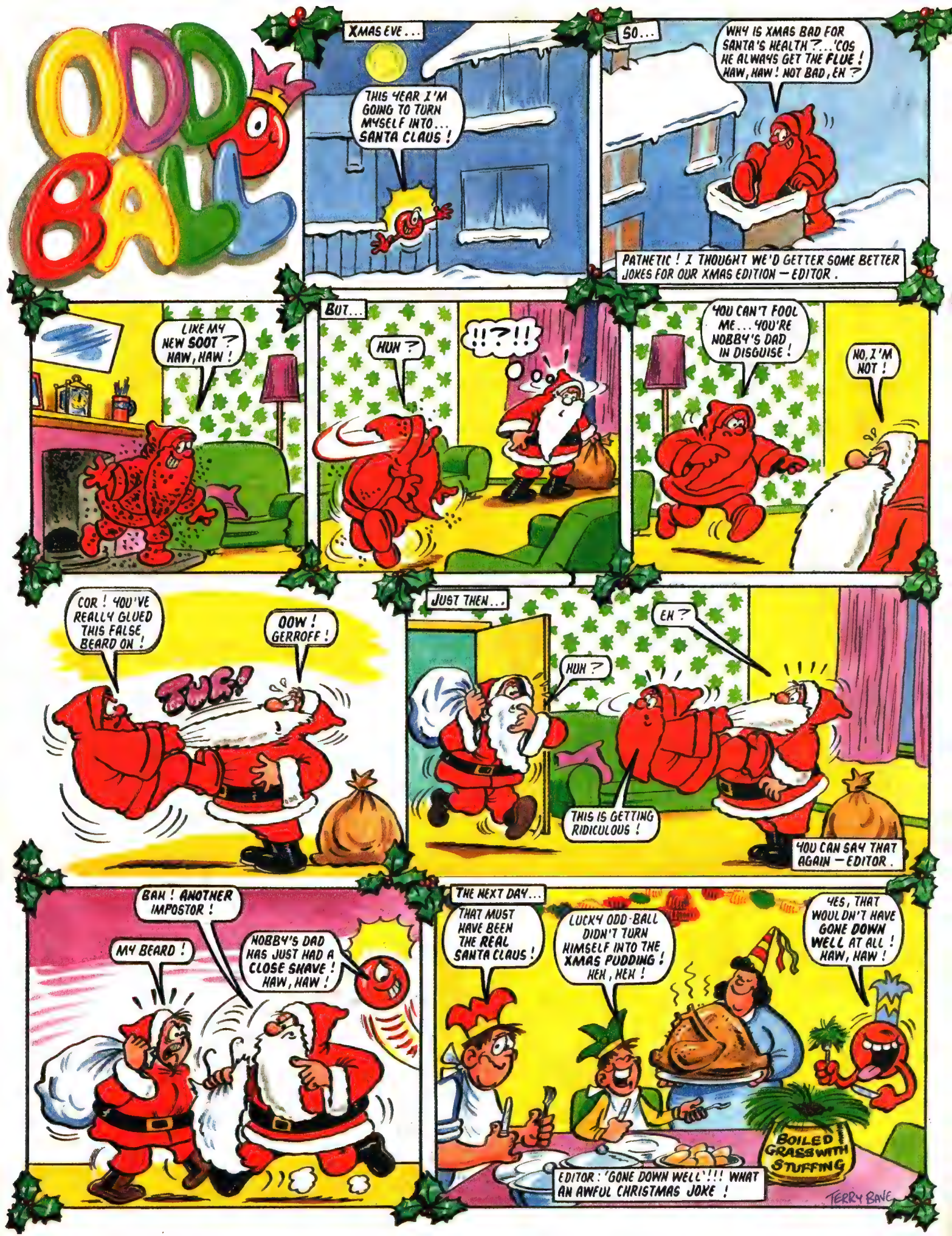
MISSILE–TOE

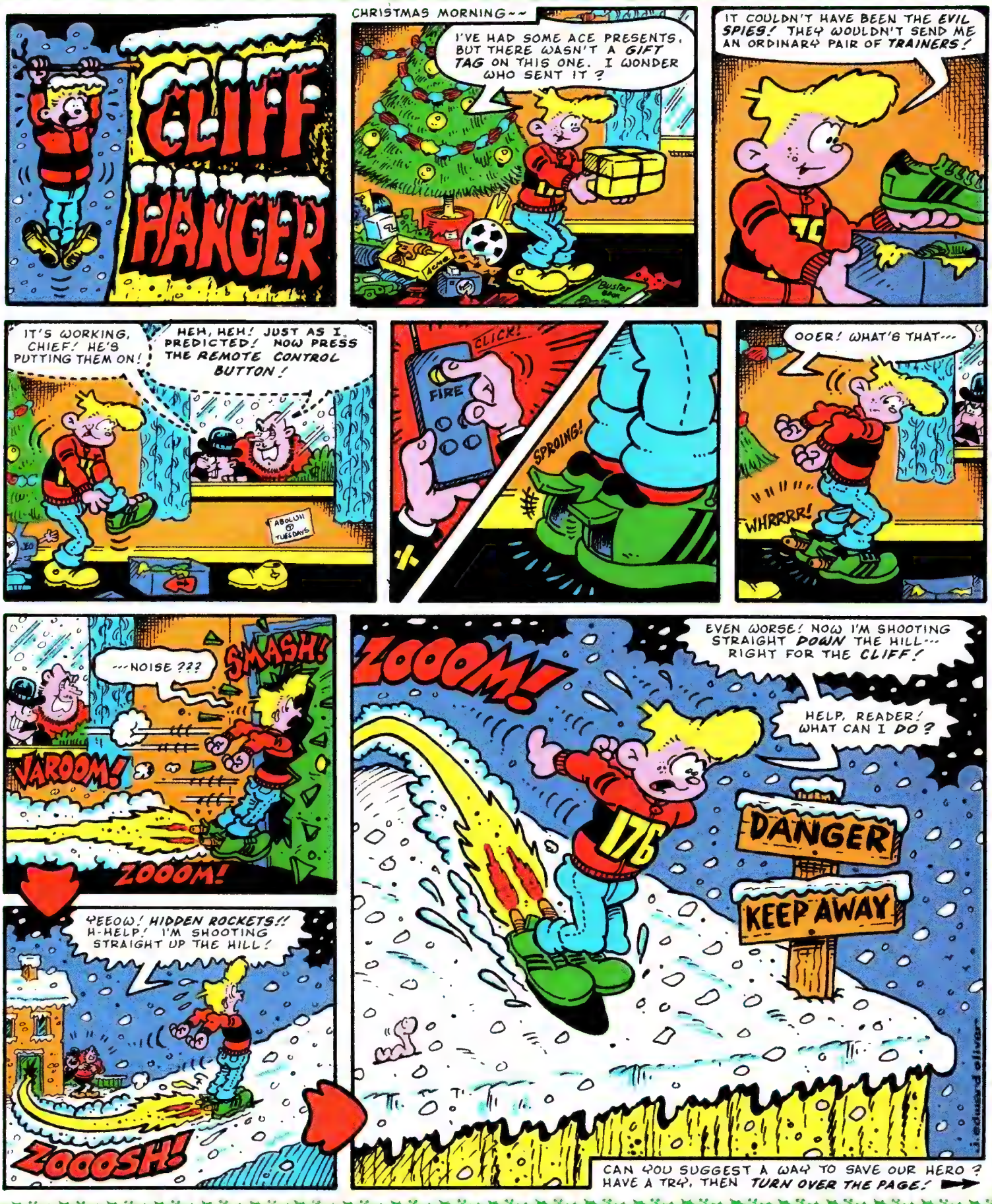
MERRY CHRIS MOUSE

If you have any ideas for NON–Christmas Potty Pix, why not send 'em in to Buster's Pin–Board?

THUNDERCAP

STIR YOURSELF, SON! IT'S CHRISTMAS MORNING AND TIME TO OPEN YOUR PRESENTS!
NNNNNEH?
YAWN! I CAN'T WAIT TO... ERK!
TRIP!
AAAAAAGH!
CRASH!
WHAT'S THAT DOZY SON OF MINE UP TO?
NOW LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE!
SORRY, MUM... I TRIPPED!
LATER...
SNOW HAS FALLEN AND GALE FORCE WINDS ARE CAUSING DRIFTING!
UH-OH!
THAT MEANS WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET TO YOUR GRANDPARENTS FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER!
MY CAP MIGHT GIVE ME A BRILL IDEA!
I HOPE SO!
SO...
I'LL NEED AN OLD SHEET, MUM!
WHAT'S HE UP TO?
THIS OLD BROOMSTICK WILL DO JUST FINE!
MERRY XMAS - mike higgs
LATER...
HEH, HEH! THAT WARDROBE I BUST MAKES A GREAT WIND YACHT!
WE'LL BE THERE IN NO TIME AT THIS RATE!
THIS IS A GREAT DINNER!
THANKS TO MY CAP!


ODD BALL
XMAS EVE...
THIS YEAR I'M GOING TO TURN MYSELF INTO... SANTA CLAUS!
SO...
WHY IS XMAS BAD FOR SANTA'S HEALTH?...'COS HE ALWAYS GET THE FLUE! HAW, HAW! NOT BAD, EH?
PATHETIC! I THOUGHT WE'D GETTER SOME BETTER JOKES FOR OUR XMAS EDITION — EDITOR.
LIKE MY NEW SOOT? HAW, HAW!
BUT...
HUH?
!!?!!
YOU CAN'T FOOL ME... YOU'RE NOBBY'S DAD IN DISGUISE!
NO, I'M NOT!
COR! YOU'VE REALLY GLUED THIS FALSE BEARD ON!
OOW! GERROFF!
TUG!
JUST THEN...
HUH?
EH?
THIS IS GETTING RIDICULOUS!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN — EDITOR.
BAH! ANOTHER IMPOSTOR!
MY BEARD!
NOBBY'S DAD HAS JUST HAD A CLOSE SHAVE! HAW, HAW!
THE NEXT DAY...
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN THE REAL SANTA CLAUS!
LUCKY ODD-BALL DIDN'T TURN HIMSELF INTO THE XMAS PUDDING! HEH, HEH!
YES, THAT WOULDN'T HAVE GONE DOWN WELL AT ALL! HAW, HAW!
BOILED GRASS WITH STUFFING
EDITOR: 'GONE DOWN WELL'!!! WHAT AN AWFUL CHRISTMAS JOKE!
TERRY BAVE


CLIFF HANGER
CHRISTMAS MORNING~~
I'VE HAD SOME ACE PRESENTS, BUT THERE WASN'T A GIFT TAG ON THIS ONE. I WONDER WHO SENT IT ?
IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN THE EVIL SPIES! THEY WOULDN'T SEND ME AN ORDINARY PAIR OF TRAINERS!
IT'S WORKING, CHIEF! HE'S PUTTING THEM ON!
HEH, HEH! JUST AS I PREDICTED! NOW PRESS THE REMOTE CONTROL BUTTON!
ABOLISH TUESDAYS
CLICK!
FIRE
SPROING!
OOER! WHAT'S THAT---
WHRRRR!
---NOISE ???
SMASH!
YAROOM!
ZOOOM!
YEEOW! HIDDEN ROCKETS!! H-HELP! I'M SHOOTING STRAIGHT UP THE HILL!
ZOOOSH!
ZOOOM!
EVEN WORSE! NOW I'M SHOOTING STRAIGHT DOWN THE HILL--- RIGHT FOR THE CLIFF!
HELP, READER! WHAT CAN I DO?
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DANGER
KEEP AWAY
j. edward oliver
CAN YOU SUGGEST A WAY TO SAVE OUR HERO ? HAVE A TRY, THEN TURN OVER THE PAGE!
ONLY YOU CAN SAVE CLIFF HANGER!
TURN TO THE THRILL-PACKED CONCLUSION NOW!

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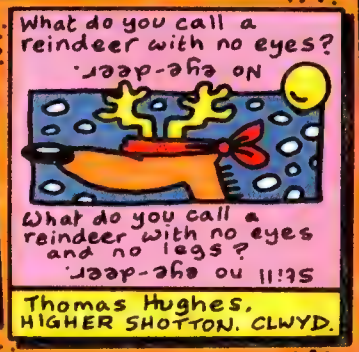


What do you call a reindeer with no eyes and no legs?
Still no eye-deer.

Thomas Hughes, HIGHER SHOTTON. CLWYD.

WHAT HAPPENS if you CROSS A TURKEY WITH AN OCTOPUS?
EVERYONE GETS A LEG AT CHRISTMAS.

Edward O'Connell, Castlethay View.

BRAIN BUSTERS

Busterword

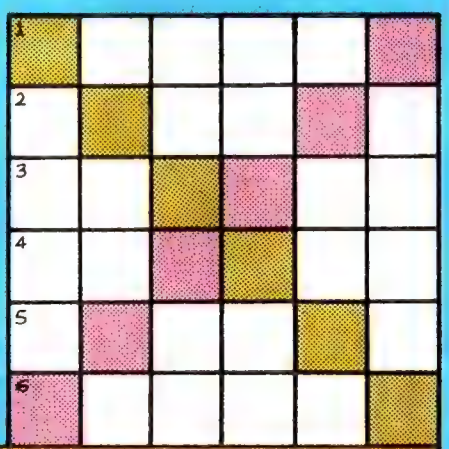
ANSWER THE CLUES ACROSS AND THE DIAGONALS WILL SPELL THINGS YOU HAVE AT CHRISTMAS!

To help you, we've printed the ANSWERS beneath the clues, but they're in the WRONG ORDER! Can you match up the CORRECT answer with each clue?

CLUES ACROSS:

1. Buster character, ------ Toddler.
2. European country.
3. Once every seven days.
4. TV programme, 'Coronation ------ '.
5. ------ Dumpty sat on a wall.
6. Played at Wimbledon.

ANSWERS (in the wrong order):
SWEDEN HUMPTY STREET
TENNIS SWEENY WEEKLY



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DEER BUSTER

EACH LETTER PRINTED WINS £2.00

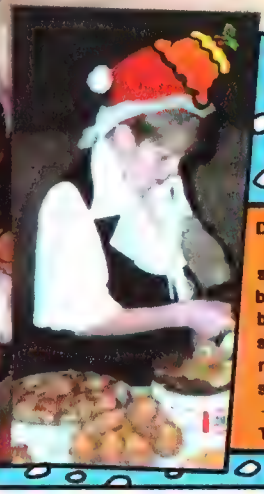
G'Day Buster,
I used to live in Sydney, Australia, but I've been living in England for 18 months now. This photo was taken in February and it was the first time I had ever seen snow. I don't like the cold, wet weather here but 'BUSTER' cheers me up when the weather is bad.
- DUNCAN McFARLANE, St. ANNES-ON-SEA, LANCS.

CHRISTMAS PUDDING CORNER

Dear Buster,
Please Custard Pie my brother, Niall, because he wouldn't believe that I'd written in to you and I can't wait to see his face.
RUAIRI O REGAN, CHEEKPOINT, CO. WATERFORD.
...'Cos it's Christmas, we're pelting all this week's victims with Puddings instead of Pies!

Dear Buster,
Please could you splat my Mum because she is always moaning.
- MICHELLE MAVVLEY, ORTON LONGUEVILLE, PETERBOROUGH.

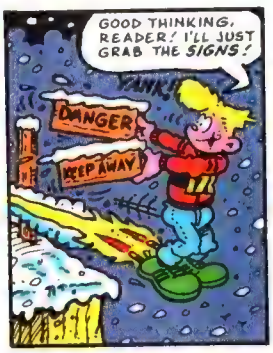
Dear Buster,
Please splat my sister because she is always in the way. Her name is Marion and she is a triple pest and a dope.
- DECLAN O DONOVAN, GOLEEN, CO. CORK.

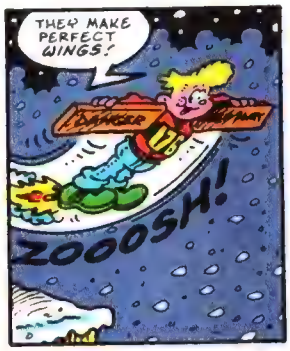


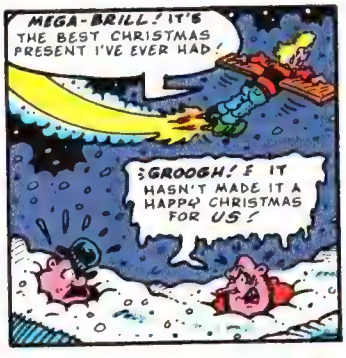
Dear Buster,
Please could you splat my sister, Ellen, because we share a bedroom and she keeps stealing my Buster to read and then hides it so that *I* can't read it!
- LAURA KIRKBY, THURSTON, SUFFOLK.

CLIFF HANGER

DID YOU GIVE CLIFF THIS ADVICE?







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20 DEC - GARY NOBLE (age 10), SEATON, ABERDEEN.
27 DEC - LEE PAUL DANDO (age 11), LEYLAND, LANCS.
29 DEC - NICOLA AND MELISSA BLACKFORD (TWINS, age 12), OUD-TURNHOUT, BELGIUM.

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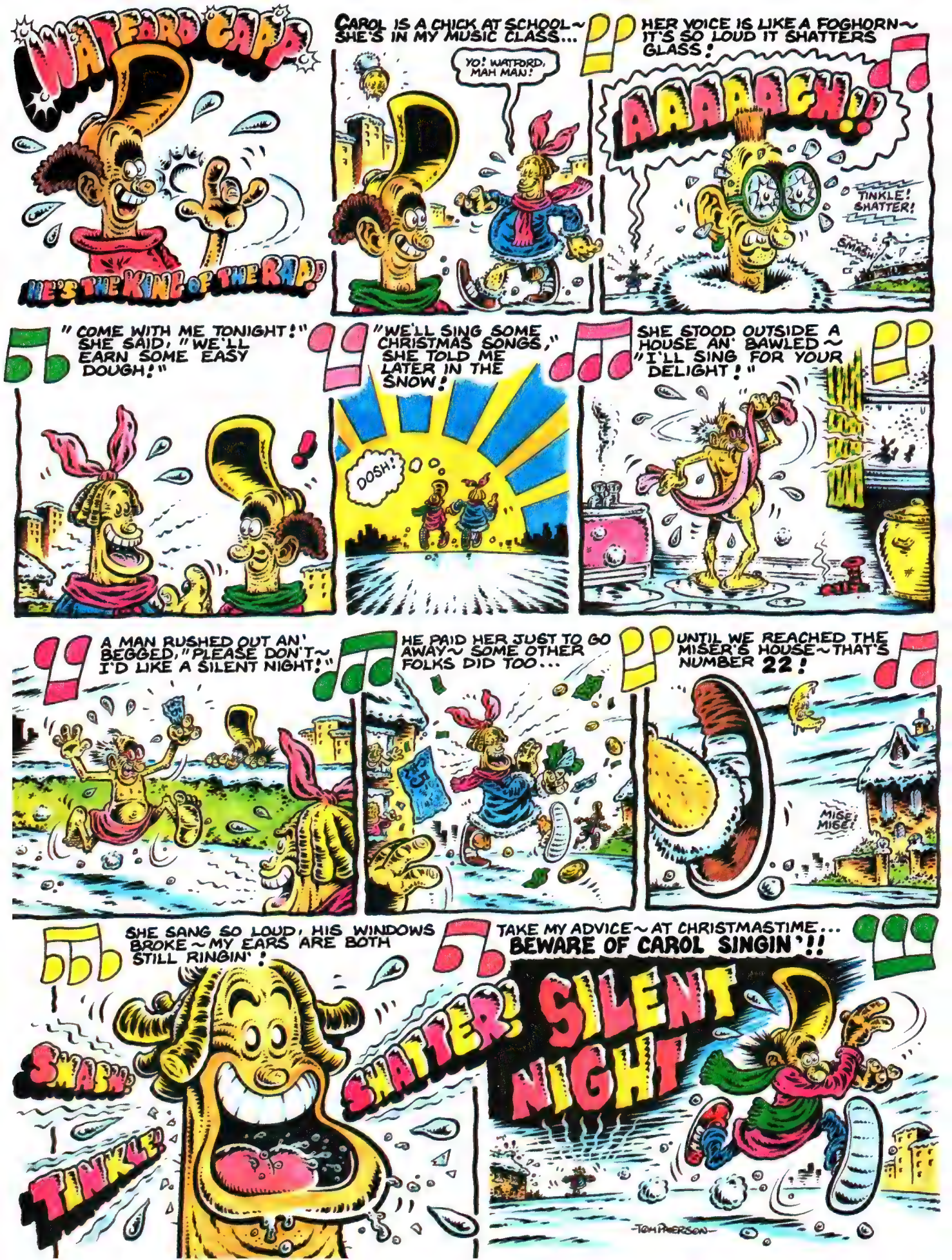
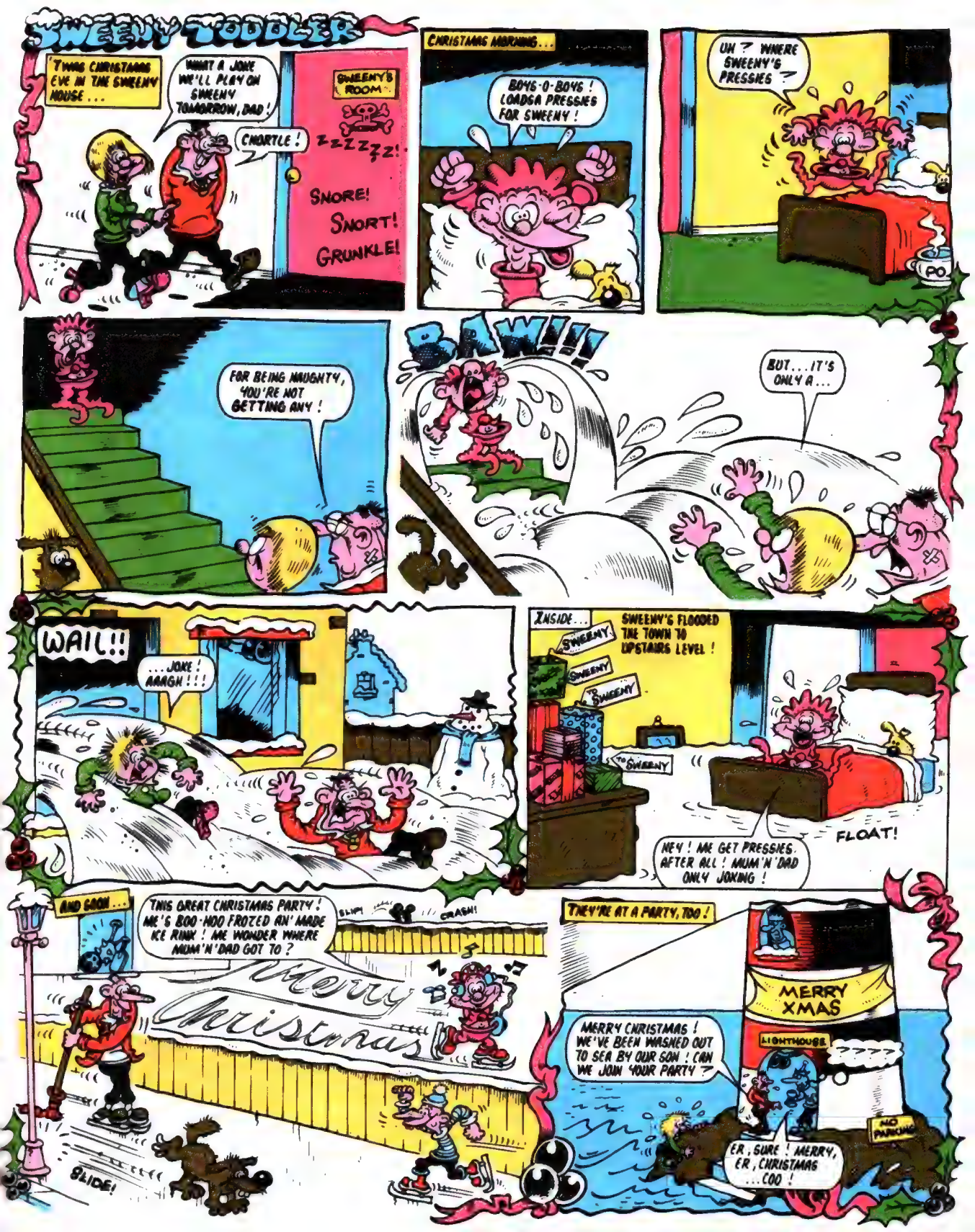
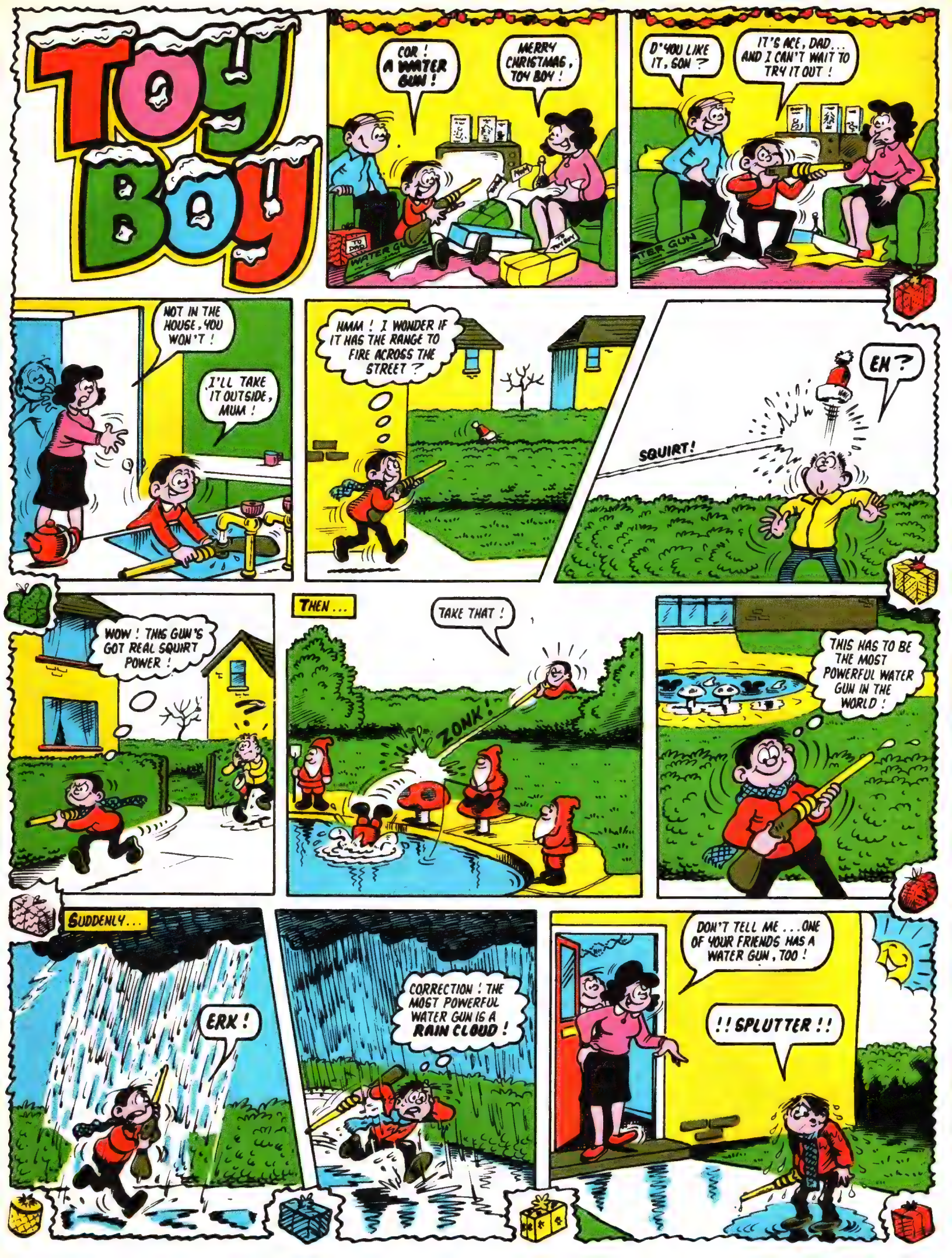

WATFORD CAPP
HE'S THE KING OF THE RAP!
CAROL IS A CHICK AT SCHOOL~ SHE'S IN MY MUSIC CLASS...
YO! WATFORD, MAH MAN!
HER VOICE IS LIKE A FOGHORN~ IT'S SO LOUD IT SHATTERS GLASS!
AAARRGH!!
TINKLE! SHATTER!
SMASH!
"COME WITH ME TONIGHT!" SHE SAID, "WE'LL EARN SOME EASY DOUGH!"
"WE'LL SING SOME CHRISTMAS SONGS," SHE TOLD ME LATER IN THE SNOW!
DOSH!
SHE STOOD OUTSIDE A HOUSE AN' BAWLED~ "I'LL SING FOR YOUR DELIGHT!"
A MAN RUSHED OUT AN' BEGGED, "PLEASE DON'T~ I'D LIKE A SILENT NIGHT!"
HE PAID HER JUST TO GO AWAY~ SOME OTHER FOLKS DID TOO...
UNTIL WE REACHED THE MISER'S HOUSE~THAT'S NUMBER 22!
MISE! MISE!
SHE SANG SO LOUD, HIS WINDOWS BROKE~MY EARS ARE BOTH STILL RINGIN'!
SMASH!
TINKLE!
SHATTER!
TAKE MY ADVICE~AT CHRISTMASTIME... BEWARE OF CAROL SINGIN'!!
SILENT NIGHT
-TOM PHERSON-


SWEENY TODDLER
'TWAS CHRISTMAS EVE IN THE SWEENY HOUSE...
WHAT A JOKE WE'LL PLAY ON SWEENY TOMORROW, DAD!
CHORTLE!
SWEENY'S ROOM
ZzZzZz!
SNORE! SNORT! GRUNKLE!
CHRISTMAS MORNING...
BOYS-O-BOYS! LOADSA PRESSIES FOR SWEENY!
UH? WHERE SWEENY'S PRESSIES?
FOR BEING NAUGHTY, YOU'RE NOT GETTING ANY!
BAWL!!!
BUT... IT'S ONLY A...
WAIL!!
...JOKE! AAAGH!!!
INSIDE...
SWEENY'S FLOODED THE TOWN TO UPSTAIRS LEVEL!
SWEENY
SWEENY
TO SWEENY
TO SWEENY
FLOAT!
NEY! WE GET PRESSIES AFTER ALL! MUM'N'DAD ONLY JOKING!
AND SOON...
THIS GREAT CHRISTMAS PARTY! WE'S BOO-HOO FROZED AN' MADE ICE RINK! WE WONDER WHERE MUM'N'DAD GOT TO?
BLIMP
CRASH!
Merry Christmas
SLIDE!
THEY'RE AT A PARTY, TOO!
MERRY XMAS
LIGHTHOUSE
NO PARKING
MERRY CHRISTMAS! WE'VE BEEN WASHED OUT TO SEA BY OUR SON! CAN WE JOIN YOUR PARTY?
ER, SURE! MERRY, ER, CHRISTMAS ...COO!

THE SAVERS
CHRISTMAS DAY WITH THE SAVERS . . .
LOOK AT ALL THE LOVELY WRAPPING PAPER!
IT'S A PITY TO BURN IT!
MUM
DAD
PYOING!
Buster BOOK
MAVIS
BURN IT?!? NEVER! WE CAN SAVE THE LOT AND MAKE USE OF IT!
GRAB!
FOR INSTANCE, IT MAKES SPLENDID, CHEAP WALL-PAPER!
IT LOOKS ALL RIGHT NOW... BUT WON'T IT LOOK SILLY IN SUMMER?
PASTE
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
I'VE THOUGHT OF THAT. YOU HAVE A BIRTHDAY IN JUNE, SO WE'LL STICK BIRTH-DAY WRAPPING OVER THIS CHRISTMAS PAPER!
THESE THINGS ARE FAR TOO GOOD TO THROW OUT, TOO!
SNATCH!
NICE, EH, MAVIS?
I LOOK LIKE A CHRISTMAS TREE...!
YOU CAN HARDLY FIND A USE FOR THESE, DAD!
DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT, SON!
THEY MAKE EXCELLENT CHAIRS... IT WILL SAVE WEAR AND TEAR ON OUR PROPER CHAIRS!
GASP! HE'S FALLEN THROUGH THE LID!
KRUMP!

AHUM! FORGET THE BOXES...
...BUT I CAN CERTAINLY FIND A GOOD USE FOR THESE STICKY GIFT-LABELS!
TO DAD
TO MUM
TO MAVIS
THEY MAKE IDEAL PATCHES FOR LEAKY PIPES! SAVES PLUMBING BILLS!
THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
STICK!
WE CAN PUT THESE LABELS TO BETTER USE!
STICK! SPLADAP!
DAVID
SEASONS GREE
WE'LL USE THEM TO SHUT YOU UP FOR A MINUTE!
SWAP!
TO MAVIS
TO DAD
MERRY CHRISTMAS
SPLOP!
BUT THEN...
EEK! THE COOKER'S BLOWN A FUSE!
FLASH!
THE TURKEY'S NOT COOKED! WHAT WILL I DO?
SHLUP!
OFF WITH THE CHRISTMAS WALLPAPER... GIMME THOSE BOWS BACK, MAVIS ...AND THOSE BOXES... GET ME THOSE LABELS...
TO MUM
TO DAD
ZOOM!
MARK BEECHINGTON
YOU'RE BURNING THE PACKAGING, AFTER ALL!
NO CHOICE, MUM!
AFTER ALL, SAVING THE CHRISTMAS DINNER'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING OF ALL TODAY!
DAD'S WRAPPED UP THE PROBLEM!
SIZZLE!


TOY BOY
COR! A WATER GUN!
MERRY CHRISTMAS, TOY BOY!
D'YOU LIKE IT, SON?
IT'S ACE, DAD... AND I CAN'T WAIT TO TRY IT OUT!
NOT IN THE HOUSE, YOU WON'T!
I'LL TAKE IT OUTSIDE, MUM!
HMM! I WONDER IF IT HAS THE RANGE TO FIRE ACROSS THE STREET?
EH?
SQUIRT!
WOW! THIS GUN'S GOT REAL SQUIRT POWER!
THEN...
TAKE THAT!
ZONK!
THIS HAS TO BE THE MOST POWERFUL WATER GUN IN THE WORLD!
SUDDENLY...
ERK!
CORRECTION! THE MOST POWERFUL WATER GUN IS A RAIN CLOUD!
DON'T TELL ME... ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS HAS A WATER GUN, TOO!
!! SPLUTTER !!

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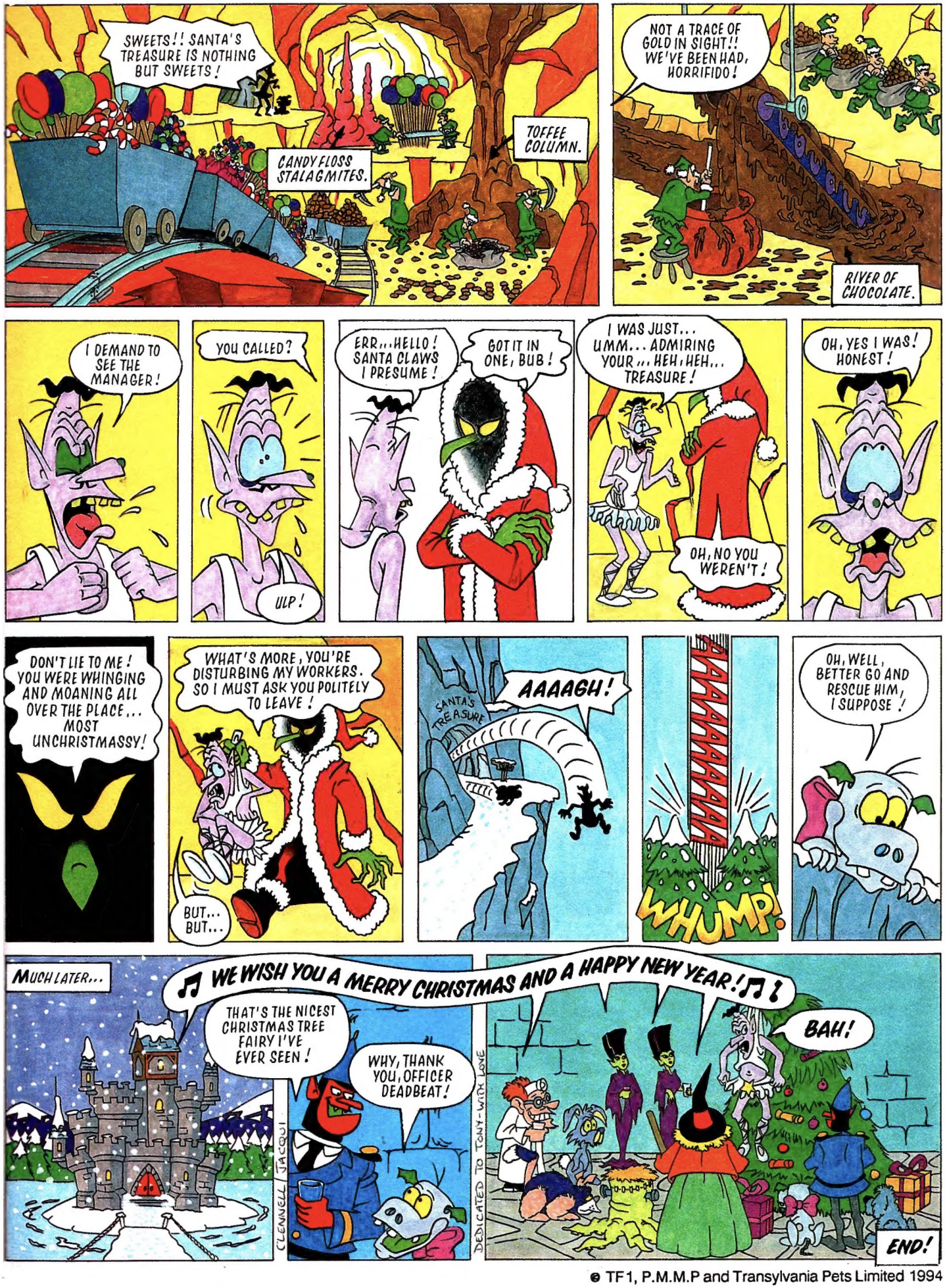

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CHRISTMAS EVE...
NOW TO GET SUZY THE CHEAPEST PRESENT POSSIBLE!
I'M GONNA GET JON A REALLY CHEAPO PREZZIE!
DECORATIONS
NOW THIS IS WHAT I CALL CHEAP!
HEH, HEH! I KNOW JUST THE THING!
CHRISTMAS DAY...
HERE'S YOUR PRESENT, SUZY! LOOK AFTER IT!
A PIECE OF FLUFF! JUST WHAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED!
I'LL TAKE MY PET PIECE OF FLUFF OUT FOR A WALK!
HAR, HAR! SHE'S JUST PRETENDING TO LIKE IT!
MERRY CHRISTMAS, SUZY!
SWOON! A KISS FROM HUNKY HARRY! WOULDN'T HAVE MET HIM WITHOUT JON'S FLUFF!
SOON...
HERE'S YOUR PRESENT, JON! SOME SNOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN SNOWBALL WITH!
WOW! THANKS A LOT!
I'LL GO AND SHOW MUM!
NOW HE'S GOT TO PRETEND TO LIKE HIS PRESENT!
ERK! THE TURKEY'S BURNING!
YOU'VE SAVED THE TURKEY, JON! YOU'RE A HERO! DOUBLE HELPINGS FOR THIS!
SIZZLE!
YUM, YUM!
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